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Hezbollah admits it holds hostages

Kidnappers of Israeli troops offer exchange

By Ali Jaber in Beirut and Our Foreign Staff

MUSLIM fundamentalists holding two Israeli servicemen said last night that they were willing to free the men in exchange for Arabs and Lebanese detained in Israel. But they ruled out the release of any further Western hostages until the Jerusalem government made a reciprocal gesture.

The offer came as the text of the letter from John McCarthy's kidnappers to the United Nations secretary-general was disclosed. As expected, it called for a global exchange of prisoners, trading the Westerners for Arabs held in Israel and Europe.

Javier Pérez de Cuéllar, the UN secretary-general, said that he was "a little more hopeful" about resolving the hostage problem, having studied the letter and discussed it with a senior Israeli official. A solution was not near, he said, but it was nearer than before.

Israel, however, expressed disappointment that the letter made no specific mention of seven servicemen who have been missing in Lebanon since 1982. It has insisted that while it was willing to negotiate a deal that would free hundreds of Shias held in Israel and south Lebanon, it would not do so without firm information on the missing men.

Yesterday, officials of the pro-Iranian group Hezbollah said in an interview with *The Times* that they were holding two of the servicemen and would be prepared to negotiate their release. The officials, who requested anonymity, said another was being held by the Palestine Liberation Organisation, while the other four were believed to be dead. Their remains were being kept by radical Palestinian groups.

The Hezbollah officials said they hoped that Israel would now free the Shia cleric Sheikh Abdel Karim Obeid, since the Lebanese kidnappers had "shown goodwill when they freed John McCarthy and Edward Tracy". America and Britain have also been putting pressure on Israel to free Sheikh Obeid, and Israel Radio reported yesterday that John Major had sent a message to Yitzhak Shamir, the Israeli prime minister, calling on him to free all Shia prisoners in Lebanon.

In its letter to the UN chief, Islamic Jihad said: "In view of our belief in the need for action to secure the release of our freedom fighters from prisons in occupied Palestine and Europe and also to solve the question of the detainees whom we are holding and the problems of their families, we call upon you to make a personal endeavour, within the framework of a comprehensive solution, to secure the release of all detainees throughout the world. In such an eventuality, we would be perfectly willing to complete the process that we began today and to release the persons whom we are detaining within 24 hours."

Israel's special envoy Uri Lubrani met Señor Pérez de Cuéllar in Geneva on Sunday to discuss the letter and yesterday the UN secretary-general said that the first Israeli reaction had been positive. In Jerusalem, however, officials said they were disappointed by the letter. "It gave no new details whatever about prisoners and we have made it clear that we are waiting for such a sign or new information to begin taking an active part in the process." Nevertheless, Israel has indicated that some Lebanese prisoners could be freed if the Red Cross were granted access to Israeli captives.

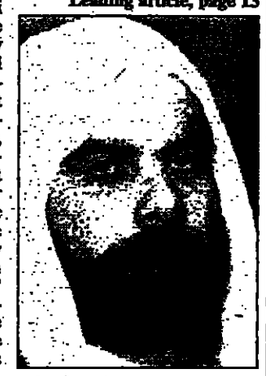
President Bush also gave the letter a muted response, saying "We're back in the rumour game", but administration officials later welcomed its "positive aspects", particularly the references to Senor Perez de Cuellar's role. The White House spokesman, Marlin Fitzwater, said the administration was anxious to clarify what the authors meant by all detainees.

While America wants Israel to free Sheikh Obeid, it is concerned that there should not be deals involving convicted terrorists in Europe. By calling for the release of "freedom fighters" held in European jails, Islamic Jihad may have been referring to 14 Arabs jailed in seven countries, including Britain, for crimes including murder and hijacking.

Señor Pérez de Cuéllar said yesterday that he would try to deal with all aspects of the problem so that all detainees would be freed, but asked if he would press for the release of convicted murderers, he replied: "That is a different problem. There you have a juridical problem, which is not exactly the same thing as the other detainees."

The offer of a global exchange of prisoners came at the end of the six-page Islamic Jihad letter. It had earlier accused the UN of becoming a "plaything of the superpowers", which had been effective in dealing with the Gulf crisis last year but had failed to obtain implementation of resolutions calling for Israel's withdrawal from the occupied territories. The letter urged the UN to seek an end to the superpower "hegemony" and start the process by abolishing the veto power of the five permanent members of the security council, a power "rightly regarded as worse than the law of the jungle".

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Sheikh Obeid: key figure in any swap of hostages



Winning run: Ian Botham dashes from the field yesterday after hitting the winning boundary, as England levelled the series with the West Indies at 2-2, with a five-wicket victory in the fifth and final Test at the Oval. The win was England's best performance in a Test series against the West Indies since Mike Denness's team returned from the Caribbean in 1974 with a 1-1 result. Viv Richards, the tourists' captain, said: "The game has been played in great spirit and I hope that has laid to rest some of the bad 'vibes' we have had in the last couple of months."

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Gunman shot dead by police

By Ronald Faux

POLICE marksmen shot dead a man who threatened them with a gun in Wellington, Shropshire, early yesterday. The gun was later found to be an unloaded air pistol.

A senior police officer is leading an investigation into the shooting of Ian Garfield Gordon aged 24, brother of Elvis Gordon, the Commonwealth Games judo gold medallist.

Mr Gordon was challenged three times by West Mercia police officers before they opened fire. Armed police then laid siege to a psychiatric day centre in Wrekin Road, Wellington, where they believed an armed man could be hiding.

Police were called to a service station in Victoria Road, Wellington, after three youths told the attendant they had been threatened by an armed man who was behaving strangely.



Mr Gordon had threatened a police officer in the centre of Wellington with a gun and was then confronted by two police marksmen armed with police issue 3.8 Smith and Wesson revolvers, said Clive Atkinson, assistant chief constable of Merseyside, who was called in by the Police Complaints Authority to lead an investigation into the shooting.

"They saw Gordon at the top of some steps leading down to the railway station. They challenged him and saw that he had a gun," Mr Atkinson told a press conference last night.

"They challenged him: 'Please put your gun down, please put your gun down.' As a result of Gordon's reply which I understand was 'you are dead, you are dead,' and the raising of his arm containing the gun, the two officers both fired at him."

Three shots were fired and two hit Mr Gordon. He fell down the steps and was still alive as one of the officers

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Pricing cartels may face court action

Manchester, after paying an added £123,000, is fighting glass price fixers, reports Tony Dawe

Major British companies which have formed price-fixing rings are likely to face a challenge in the courts for the first time from a group of local authorities which fear that cartels in building and road-making materials are costing poll tax payers at least £100 million a year.

The lead is being taken by Manchester city council which claims it has been the victim of a ring which agreed an inflated minimum price for supplying glass for council homes and buildings.

The Times has seen documents which show that some companies admit to belonging to a "group of eight" which met secretly at leading Manchester hotels to reach "common minimum prices for glass products which no distributor was to discount below."

Manchester council is expected to announce today that the price-fixing added £123,000 to its direct works department's glass bill over a three-year period. The full cost to the council could be double that, however, because private contractors carrying out council work were also paying the same inflated prices.

The council has compared the prices it has paid since the cartel was uncovered with those paid when it was in operaton. "Glass prices became significantly lower when the cartel ended and have stayed lower," an official said.

Manchester is still analysing the evidence and, to reduce court costs, hopes to launch a joint action with other victims of glass cartels to recover its losses. Its main target would be the Heywood Williams group, the nation's biggest glass supplier, which saw its annual profits rise from £200,000

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U2 spy plane joins search for Iraq's hidden weapons

From James Bone in New York

HIDDEN weapons-making equipment in Iraq is being tracked down by a U2 spy plane lent to the United Nations by America. A UN spokesman said the high altitude aircraft, based in Saudi Arabia, had already flown its first mission.

The U2 will considerably strengthen the ability of the UN inspectors who are required to eliminate Iraq's unconventional weapons in terms of the ceasefire resolution that ended the Gulf war. In their work so far the UN inspection teams have been hampered by a lack of aerial surveillance.

The inspectors' first breakthrough in discovering hidden Iraqi nuclear components came when they climbed a nearby water-tower to look into a military camp to which they had been refused admittance. From the tower they could see a 100-vehicle convoy carrying uranium-enrichment equipment preparing to leave.

The UN special commission supervising the disarming of Iraq said that the U2 would be used to select sites for inspection and to monitor facilities already checked so that weapons-making material was not removed. It said Baghdad's diplomatic mission to the UN in New York would be provided with advance notification of U2 flights over Iraq to ensure the aircraft's safety.

The special commission will be provided with the photographs of all the sites and objects which have been surveyed at its request. "This will permit the special commission to arrange for its own independent valuation of the material necessary for the fulfilment of its function," the UN spokesman said.

Earlier this year Javier Pérez de Cuéllar, the UN secretary-general, suggested that the organisation could use a spy satellite to monitor trouble spots around the world to enable it to intervene before matters got out of hand. France has already offered to provide the UN with spy satellite information about the Middle East.

A UN security council resolution, expected to be adopted later this week, will demand that Iraq allows UN inspectors to fly their own aircraft and helicopters over the country. A long-term arms control regime proposed by the UN says such overflights should continue for years to come.

BA cuts fares to beat US rivals

By Harvey Elliott, Air Correspondent

BRITISH Airways yesterday cut 15 per cent from the cost of a return ticket to Britain from the United States in a determined attempt to beat off competition from its two new American-based rivals now operating into Heathrow, both of which are winning large numbers of passengers.

The full extent of the inroads made into BA's operations by the arrival of United and American at its hub airport became apparent yesterday when both US carriers reported a big increase in passengers carried last month. During the same month BA's traffic dropped sharply, forcing it to take the drastic step.

To win back American passengers, BA is offering 15 per cent off its services from 17 US cities for flights between October 15 and December 13 — reducing the present fare from New York from $499 (£295) to $478 and $699 to $598 from Los Angeles.

The two rivals are almost certain to follow BA's example so as to not lose their growing market share, locking all three airlines into an even more bitter price war.

Baker is back in action, but out of sync

By Joe Joseph

KENNETH Baker must have woken up yesterday and started moving his body before fully engaging his internal voice-reel on to the correct soundtrack sprockets. As a result, he spent most of the day conversationally out of sync.

When the journalists who had followed the home secretary to Guildford in the morning asked him if he was going to resign now that he was back from holiday, Mr Baker talked about the children's community centre he was visiting. When radio interviewers wondered if Mr Baker felt responsible for the breakout from Brixton prison of two IRA suspects, he talked of ways to keep bored children off the streets.

When Mr Baker visited the Metropolitan Police forensic science laboratory in London in the afternoon to pat the backs of detectives involved in seizing 40 kilos of heroin over the weekend, television crews asked if he felt he had the full confidence of the prime minister. Mr Baker spoke of the police's growing success at busting drug gangs.

Then all of a sudden, just when the journalists had decided, what the hell, let's ask about juvenile crime prevention, the internal soundtrack skipped some sprockets. "I said very clearly last week, I made my position clear, I do not intend to resign," Mr Baker blurted out. But by the time the journalists had framed another question, about prison escapes, the soundtrack had slipped again. Mr Baker was not responding to reporters' shouts and had returned to answering the teenagers' queries on holidaying in France and hair care.

Even in the set pieces, presumably designed to plant the home secrtary back in the public eye by showing him doing the sort of things that authoritative home secretaries do, Mr Baker seemed less slick than usual.

As he posed before dozens of brown plastic bags full of heroin, he spoke street-wisely about how international police co-operation was netting drug dealers, how last weekend's haul of 40 kilos was worth £6 million to £8 million, but was of such high quality that it could be cut again, doubling its value. The seizure was enough to satisfy 900 heroin addicts for a year. The journalists shelved their questions about ministerial incompetence and Brixton prison.

Then Mr Baker's soundtrack was spinning free once more. "The answer has to be vigilance, vigilance," he stressed. But was he talking about drugs, Brixton prison or Guildford teenagers?

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Baker: less slick than usual with the media

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The Marquis de Sade's *Juliette* advocates violence against women, children, the old and the sick. But does it deprave and corrupt? Page 12

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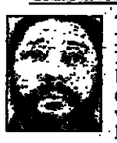
Wedding rings should come with binding marriage contracts, the Law Society says. For better or for worse . . . Page 25

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Children love new clothes in vintage styles but parents have to watch their pockets. The right design can sometimes reconcile the two Page 10

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Porn chatline curbs could force closure of Sport titles



Sullivan: will fight "top-shelf" listing

MORE than a hundred pornographic telephone line operators could be put out of business this week following a regulatory change prohibiting them from placing sexually explicit advertising in newspapers.

Icstis, the independent committee which supervises standards of telephone information services, will today adjudicate 104 breaches of a new clause in its code of practice, which ban chatlines and premium-rate recorded message services from advertising "pictures or words of a sexually suggestive nature, which are unacceptably offensive".

Any 0898 sex line operator whose newspaper advertisement is found to have violated the new clause could lose its licence with British Telecom, Mercury or Racal, as strict observance of the Icstis code is a contractual condition of operation. Some, however, might escape with assurances to the watchdog that they will not make the same mistake again, facing closure if they do, Icstis said.

Icstis monitored all newspapers for offending adverts on May 28, the first day the amendment came into force, and found a total of 104 in *The Sport*, *The Daily Mirror* and *The Star* on this day alone.

Tabloids, particularly *The Sunday Sport* and its four-day-a-week sister title *The Sport*, stand to lose

Chatline firms whose advertisements break the rules on decency could be ordered to close this week. This is bad news for the tabloids. Melinda Wittstock reports

a significant amount of advertising revenue as a result of the regulatory change. Industry sources suggest that the *Sport*, which relies on chatlines for about 80 per cent of its advertising revenue, may face closure.

Ken Morgan, director of the Press Complaints Commission (PCC), said: "*The Star* and *The Mirror* will feel the impact. But for the *Sport* it will have serious consequences. It's a one-type-of-advertising paper."

Roy Jeans, director of press at Zenith Media, said there was little chance the *Sport* titles could diversify into other advertising because "advertisers do not want to be seen in that environment".

"Top-shelf" magazines such as *Playboy* or *Penthouse*, are exempt from the new clause because of their restricted circulation. David Sullivan, publisher of the *Sport*, said yesterday he would resist any pressure to reclassify his papers as "top-shelf" publications, adding that he would follow any Icstis rulings.

"They are not banning romance lines in newspapers, just toning them down. So we will see what they deem acceptable and go along with it," he said. "In early guidance they told us that ads refering to "virgin husbands" and "lonely ladies" were acceptable, while ads such as "inside my wife" and "sucking sounds" were not.

Mr Sullivan, who is understood to own a number of 0898 sex lines which advertise in his newspapers, said: "It will be unfortunate if any 0898 companies go out of business because of this. We will have to find other advertisers."

No regulatory body is empowered to force *The Sport* on to newsagents' top shelves adjacent to the porn magazines, although Lord McGregor of Durris, chairman of the PCC, has said he would like the tabloid moved away from newspapers. The old Press Council had twice recommended that newsagents treat *The Sport* as porn before it was replaced by the PCC last January.

Icstis, which has received representations from the alleged offenders, will decide today which of the 104 companies have fallen foul of its code before checking newspapers for subsequent breaches at later dates.

DPP decides not to halt Marchioness prosecution

By Ray Clancy

THE Director of Public Prosecutions has decided not to intervene in a private prosecution for manslaughter in the Marchioness pleasure boat disaster in which 51 people died. Solicitors acting for the widower of one of the dead last night received a letter from Sir Allan Green, QC, saying he did not propose to take over the case.

In what appears to be a significant turnabout Sir Allan said that after "very careful consideration" he had decided not to intervene "at this stage". He reaffirmed that he would have liked to examine the evidence being brought before making his decision as that would have been "of great assistance" but he was aware of his responsibilities and "the circumstances in which it would be proper" to intervene in a private case.

The decision comes five days after Michael Napier, chairman of the steering committee of the Marchioness disaster solicitors group, appealed in a letter to *The Times* for a public enquiry into the disaster. His concern was prompted by Sir Allan's expressed intention to take over and stop the private prosecution unless substantial new evidence had been found.

Ivor Glogg, whose wife Ruth died in the tragedy two years ago, and his solicitors had been given until last Friday to hand over their papers to Sir Allan. They, and other relatives of the victims, feared that once the evidence was in the hands of the DPP the prosecution would be taken over and ended.

The fears emerged after Douglas Henderson, captain of the Bowbelle, was found not guilty for the second time of charges of failing to keep a proper lookout on the night of the accident after the jury at his trial failed to reach a verdict. Relatives have called for a public enquiry into the disaster and believe that a private prosecution may be the only way for the owners of the Bowbelle to be accountable.

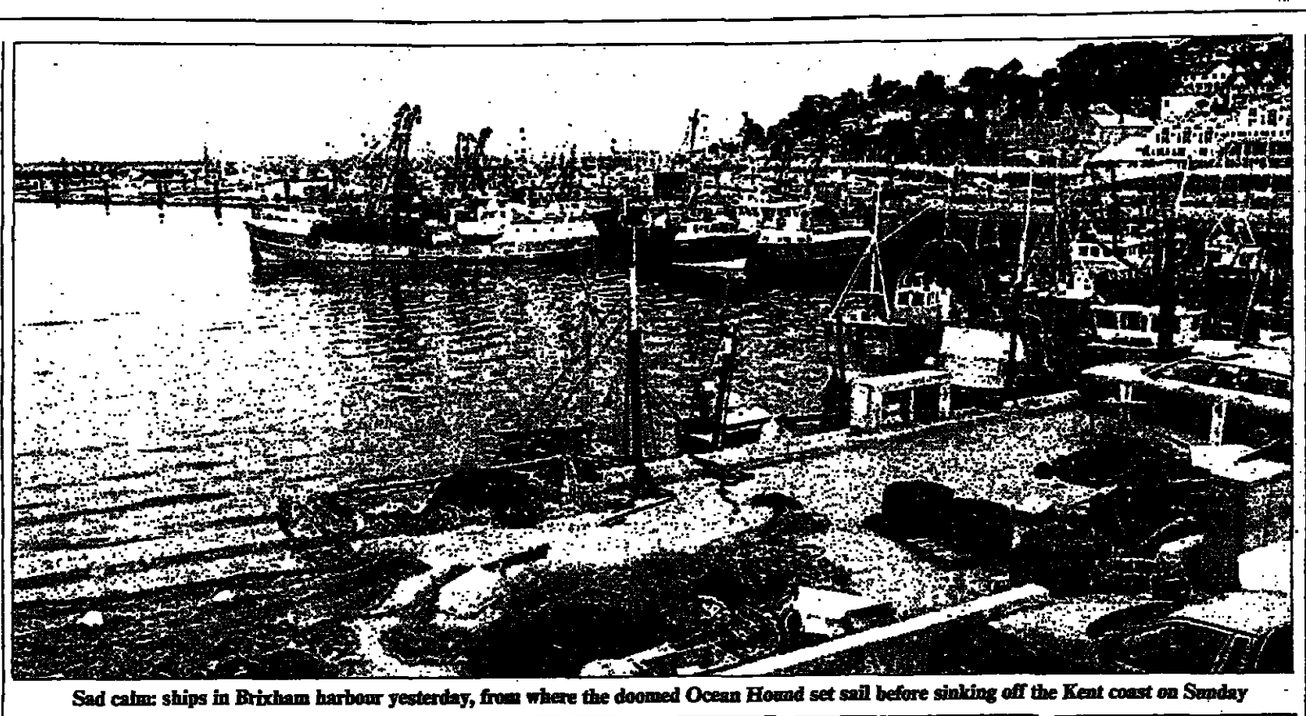
The private prosecution against South Coast Shipping, of Southampton, the owners of the Bowbelle, and four of the company's senior managers will now go ahead. Summonses have been granted by Bow Street magistrates court and the case is awaiting committal.

A spokeswoman for Mr Glogg said he did not wish to comment on the decision as his main preoccupation was to press ahead with the case through the normal court channels.

The Crown Prosecution Service said Sir Allan had not ruled out examining the case at a later stage. "The case is reviewable if new information is forthcoming for example when the case is next brought before magistrates."



Sir Allan: intervention ruled out at this stage



Sad calm: ships in Brixham harbour yesterday, from where the doomed Ocean Hound set sail before sinking off the Kent coast on Sunday

Wreck found in hunt for trawler

By Robin Young

A WRECK was found on the seabed yesterday where the trawler Ocean Hound disappeared on Sunday morning with five crew aboard.

The search for four missing crew members had already been called off when the Trinity House vessel Mermaid, using sonar, located an uncharted wreck close to the Ocean Hound's last known position 20 miles from the Kent coast. The body of the trawler's engineer Keith Curtiss, aged 54, of Brixham, Devon, had earlier been recovered off Ramsgate.

Eric Musson, of Dover coastguard, said that it had not yet been possible to identify the wreck. The Ocean Hound was in the busy north-east to south-west shipping lane through the straits of Dover when it went down in fog early yesterday morning.

Checks by coastguards of other ships near to the vessel at the time in sank have found no signs of damage which might suggest a collision with the 43-tonne trawler.

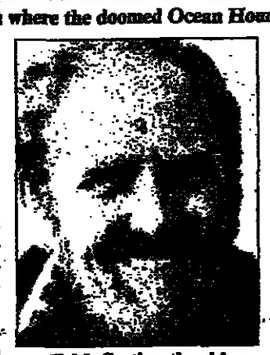
A marine accident investigation team is to study a video recording of the coastguards' radar screen to trace shipping movements immediately before the Ocean Hound disappeared. It will also decide whether the wreck pinpointed by the Mermaid can be raised.

The crew members listed as missing are the ship's skipper, Alan Nicholson, aged 40, of Paignton, Devon, his son James, aged 17, Mr Curtiss's stepson Mark Davies, 26, and Andy Nash, 30, both from Brixham.

Fishermen in Brixham remain suspicious that the Ocean Hound was hit by a larger vessel which did not stop. They say the speed of the sinking, so quick that no distress call was sent, and that only one man appeared to have been on deck suggest that the Ocean Hound was run down.

That would make the sinking a carbon copy of the loss of the Wilhelmina J and six fishermen off the Isle of Wight eight months ago. The Cypriot-registered cargo ship Zulfikar hit the trawler but did not stop. British authorities were powerless to take action against the captain because responsibility for prosecution lies with the ship's home country.

The Royal National Mission to Deep Sea Fishermen claimed yesterday that 26 lives have been lost in the Channel already this year.







Keith Curtiss, the skipper, Mark Davies, a crewman, and Philip Bowditch, the owner

Baker to name jail director

By Richard Ford
Political Correspondent

KENNETH Baker is expected to announce the appointment of a senior private sector businessman to examine the operation of the prison service management within the next few days.

The home secretary wants the figure from the world of commerce to investigate the management structure of a the service which ministers believe is in need of an overhaul.

Mr Baker is particularly keen on ensuring that any proposals for reform result in an improvement in liaison between the the prison department and area directorate of the service. He is said by colleagues to be determined to improve the management of the prison service.

Home Office ministers believe a far-reaching shake-up of the prison service is needed with an improved career structure to encourage more able people to consider the prison system as a career.

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Short fights back in second round

By Raymond Keene

NIGEL Short of Britain fought back fiercely yesterday in the second round of the world chess championship qualifying competition in Brussels.

In the first round on Sunday he had collapsed to lose in a mere 24 moves with the white pieces, but yesterday, even though playing with the black pieces, he came out fighting and from the 14th move had Boris Gelfand, the Russian grandmaster, on the ropes.

After four hours play and the completion of 14 moves, Gelfand had still not shifted Short's grip on the position. The Russian was also two pawns down. Short seemed set for a certain win which would equalise the match.

In the other matches of the quarter finals, Victor Korchnoi of Switzerland was hopelessly placed after four hours' against Jan Timman, the Dutchman.

The game between Artur Yusupov and Vassily Ivanchuk was running in favour of Yusupov who had an advantage of an extra pawn.

The sensation of the day occurred in the game between Anatoly Karpov with white against Viswanathan Anand, of India. Karpov's play was absolutely feeble and planless. He spent most of his time shuffling his pieces along the back rank. On the 40th move Anand launched an attack which left Karpov unprepared and after four hours the former world champion faces what looks like a lost position.

The moves of the game between Gelfand (playing white) and Short (playing black) are:

White	Black		
1 d4	d5	22 Rd2	Qb6
2 c4	e6	23 g4	Qb8
3 Nf3	Nf6	24 Nd1	Qg3
4 Nc3	Nbd7	25 Nf2	Rb6
5 Bg5	Be7	26 Rb3	Rbe6
6 e3	0-0	27 Rd1	Qe7
7 Rc1	b6	28 Qd2	Re3
8 cd5	ed5	29 Rel	Qf4
9 Qa4	c5	30 Rd1	g6
10 Be6	h6	31 Kg1	Kg7
11 Bh4	cd4	32 Qc1	Ra2
12 ed4	Nh5	33 Qf4	gf4
13 Bg3	Be6	34 Nd3	g5
14 Qa6	Bg5	35 a4	Ra2
15 Rd1	Re8	36 g3	fg3
16 Kfl	Ndf6	37 Ne5	g2
17 Ng5	hg5	38 Rg3	Ree2
18 f3	b5	39 Nf3	Reb2
19 Qb5	Ng3	40 Ne1	Ra4
20 hg3	Rb8	41 Nd3	Rbe2
21 Qd3	Rb2	Play continues	

Sinn Fein member shot dead

A member of Sinn Fein, the IRA's political wing, was yesterday ambushed and killed on his way to work by the outlawed Ulster Freedom Fighters in Co Tyrone (Edward Gorman writes).

The shooting of Paddy Shanaghan, aged 31, from Killen, Co Tyrone, sparked immediate claims by Sinn Fein that Loyalists had targeted him on the basis of intelligence passed to them by the security forces.

Sinn Fein said that the police had recently warned Mr Shanaghan, who survived an assassination attempt two years ago, that his personal details were in the hands of Loyalist para-militaries. The RUC would not comment on the claims.

The UFF admitted killing Mr Shanaghan and said he had been involved in Republican terrorism in the Castlederg area. That was denied by his family, who appealed for no retaliation.

Orkney files are taken

Police are investigating the disappearance of files containing details of hundreds of Orkney children. They were taken from the office of the reporter to the children's panel in the island's capital of Kirkwall while the reporter was on holiday last week.

Lord Clyde opens a judicial enquiry into the Orkney sex abuse case in two weeks' time. None of the missing files related to the nine children involved in the enquiry.

Tory critics 'back Labour'

Conservative local authorities are closer to Labour policy on further education than that of their own government, Labour claimed yesterday (John O'Leary writes).

Derek Fatchett, a Labour spokesman on education, yesterday said that that was shown by the critical response of Tory local education authorities to the education and training white paper which proposes removing further education and sixth form colleges from local authority control.

Two shot dead

Police launched a murder enquiry last night after a young woman and her boyfriend in their twenties were found dead from gunshot wounds in the village of Middlezoy in Somerset. Police said, however, that they were not looking for anyone else in connection with the shootings. The names of the dead couple are being withheld until their parents have been told of the deaths.

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HOTELS WITH LEISURE CLUBS AND/OR POOLS
Forte Crest Brighouse, Forte Posthouse Carlisle, Forte Posthouse Glasgow, Forte Posthouse Haydock, Forte Crest Leeds/Bradford, Forte Posthouse Leeds/Selby Park, Forte Crest Manchester Airport, Forte Crest Runcorn, Forte Crest Sheffield.

HEART OF ENGLAND AND WALES
The Swallow at the Quays Birmingham, Forte Posthouse Birmingham Airport, Swallow Hall Brandon/Warwickshire, Forte Crest Cardiff, Forte Posthouse Corby, Forte Posthouse Derby, The Swallow at the Quays Grantham, Crest Hotel Grimsby, Forte Crest Grimsby, Forte Posthouse Leicester, Forte Crest Lincoln, Forte Posthouse Nottingham/Derby, The Strand Oundle, Forte Posthouse Walsall, The Gallery Worcester.
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Hospital that brings late consultants to book

Jill Sherman visited a health region which is leading the way in advance of the patients' charter on outpatient waiting times

IF CONSULTANTS or junior doctors at Bassetlaw hospital, Nottinghamshire, are late for their outpatients' clinics their names are entered in a book and an explanation. Delays due to a private patient, a wayward golfball, a hangover or a faulty alarm clock, holding up clinics unnecessarily, are all noted.

The decision to audit doctors' movements is one of a series of initiatives in Trent regional health authority to improve hospital outpatient services. The success in reducing waiting times to get an outpatient appointment and to see the consultant once at hospital is the culmination of a 15-year drive by Brian Edwards, regional general manager, for a user-friendly service.

It is rare for anyone in Trent to wait more than 13 weeks for an outpatient appointment — the target expected in the patients' charter — and for many specialties patients are waiting less than six. Yet in some parts of Britain patients have to wait up to 18 months for a first appointment. Mr Edwards, who chairs a health department committee called "empowering the patient", has been an adviser on the citizen's charter.

The outpatients schemes in his region are understood to form the basis of the recommendations in the patients' charter to be published next month.

Glenfield district general hospital in Leicester, for example, has seen a big reduction in outpatient waiting times in the last 12 months, partly due to better management of lists. Waiting times for respiratory medicine has fallen from eight weeks to five, for rheumatology from 13 weeks to two, and for general surgery from nine to six weeks.

Even in orthopaedics, a specialty with notoriously long waits nationally, waiting times have come down from 24 to 18 weeks.

The unit's new protocol, to which all staff are signed up, is blazened throughout Glenfield's outpatient department. Sticks and carrots are unnecessary. "The staff want to see better standards," Carol Henshall, the hospital's manager, said.

The hospital guarantees that 95 per cent of non-urgent patients will be seen within eight weeks of a GP referral; all urgent referrals will be seen within two weeks of referral; all non-urgent first referrals will receive a minimum of two weeks' notice of their appointments; and patients who are given more than six months' notice of their appointment will be sent a reminder letter two weeks before an appointment date.

In addition, 95 per cent of clinics will start on time; and 95 per cent of patients should not have to wait longer than fifteen minutes for diagnostic tests or X-rays. The hospital also guarantees that no patients will have to wait more than 30 minutes to see a consultant once they have arrived at hospital.

This particular guarantee has already run into difficulties. Last week, one clinic was running 55 minutes late and another 45 minutes late.

The extra time that patients would have to wait was entered into a box on a white notice board, visible to all patients, together with the number of patients to be seen in the clinic. Because patients were informed of what was going on and could see how much longer they had to wait, they said they did not mind too much.

Some staff, however, say the 30 minute wait is unrealistic, particularly when medical students are attending sessions, the doctor is slow (compared to his colleagues) or a problem arises with one patient. Mike Morgan, a chest physician, said the hospital was "shooting itself in the foot" by raising public expectation.

Patients should be told they were coming in for a two-hour session, to include diagnostic tests and X-rays, rather than being given a specific consultant appointment, he said. The hospital is now considering setting a range of waiting times for different clinics.

Other schemes which have been introduced across the region include sending maps and detailed information to patients about their appointment. In Bassetlaw, all new patients are given information on transport, car parking, directions to the hospital and a named contact and telephone number to ring if they cannot keep the appointment.

Nationwide, 10 per cent of patients fail to turn up for appointments, sometimes because of poor communications — they ring someone but the message never gets through — or because they do not dare to ring in to cancel, Miss Henshall said.

"Patients feel they don't have a right to change their appointment. They would rather give an excuse after failing to turn up than admit they were going on holiday."

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Case of M62 bomber to be reviewed by Baker

By FRANCES GIBB, LEGAL AFFAIRS CORRESPONDENT

THE case of Judith Ward, who was jailed for life in 1974 for the M62 coach bombing in which 12 people died, is being reviewed by Kenneth Baker, the home secretary, the Home Office confirmed yesterday.

There are strong indications that the case will be referred back to the Court of Appeal, the latest such conviction to be referred, in the wake of the freeing of the Birmingham Six in March and the clearing of the Maguire Seven in June.

Judith Ward, being held in Holloway prison, north London, has never appealed against her sentence but has protested her innocence in spite of her previously expressed support for the IRA.

A former Wrac private, she was jailed for the bombing of an army coach on the M62 in Yorkshire in 1974. A soldier, his wife and two children and eight other servicemen were killed. The bombing was then the worst IRA attack since it transported its violence to the mainland. The move to re-examine the case comes after Home Office officials were presented with information three months ago by Ward's solicitors. The case had been under review as one of those where the scientific evidence relied on tests by Frank Skuse, the Home Office forensic scientist whose tests in the Birmingham Six case has been discredited.

At Ward's trial, her admissions were full of contradictions. The crown relied for its main evidence on the results of forensic science tests, carried out by Mr Skuse, which were said to show traces of explosives on Ward's hands, bag and ring.

The Home Office said that officials began re-examining Ward's case, and others from the same time, after doubts were raised over the accuracy of the forensic science tests used in the convictions of the Birmingham Six.

Ward was picked up ten days after the bombing in a shop doorway in Liverpool. Penniless and homeless, she was taken for questioning by police who found a notebook in the lining of her coat with "Provos unite IRA" on the cover and containing names and telephone numbers of Sinn Fein members.

After two days of questioning, Ward confessed to planting the bomb. But further investigations showed that she was 100 miles away from the coach station at the time.

The Home Office said that it did not know if Mr Baker had yet studied the report from Ward's solicitors, but, as Ward was in prison, it would be considered as a priority. One source said that given the widespread doubts over the forensic science tests and because the case had never been reviewed on appeal, it was likely that Mr Baker would refer her case to the Court of Appeal.

Bishop Edward Daly, Roman Catholic bishop of Derry, met Judith Ward when she was in Durham prison. He said he welcomed the move because there seemed to be certain similarities with other cases, including that of the Birmingham Six. "All of the cases brought about that time should be looked at and examined. This would seem to be one of those cases again where there is considerable doubt," he said.

"I would welcome its reopening because I think anybody who is concerned about justice must ensure that there is nobody serving time in prison who did not commit the crime they are there for. There would seem to be reasonable doubt about it and I am glad it is being reopened."

Ward, one of the longest-serving women prisoners in Britain, was sentenced at Wakefield crown court in November 1974 to a total of 30 years for the coach bombing and for bombs at Latimer Military College in February 1973 and Euston station in September 1973.

Pit bull owners unaware of muzzle rule

By RAY CLANCY

MARTIN BEDDALL



Roaming free: Sonnetta and her owner in the park yesterday after the new regulations came into force

SONNETTA, a 16-month-old pit bull terrier, yesterday romped freely in Battersea Park, south London, pulling playfully at a stick held by her owner who was unaware of the new regulations for dangerous dogs. She looked calm and happy but should have been on a lead and muzzled.

"I agree with the new law. Did the regulations really come into force today?" Michael Swan, aged 18, her owner, asked. "I will buy her a muzzle. What can they do to me?" Told that he could face a fine of £2,000 and six months imprisonment he looked amazed.

Whether Mr Swan left the park en route to his nearest pet shop could not be ascertained. But he certainly made a point of saying that he was going to get a muzzle. "It is not the best thing for dogs. Sometimes they have difficulty breathing, they salivate a lot, but the law is the law and I'll get one. It is the owners to blame really."

Sonnetta was very obedient: she sat down when ordered, and generally behaved no differently from the golden retriever, black labrador and alsatian playing near by. However she had torn the 3ft stick to pieces and was lying panting in the hot sunshine, every one of her sharp teeth on show.

Under the new law, it is illegal to breed, abandon or give away pit bulls, Japanese tosas, fila Brazileiras and dogo Argentinos or to allow them in a public place without a lead and muzzle. The fila and dogo are unknown in Britain, there is one tosa and thousands of pit bulls.

On its first day of enactment the law continued to cause an uproar. The National Canine Defence League, a charity, said it had been flooded with requests for information. The Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals insisted that the legislation only tackled the symptoms rather than the cause of dangerous dogs. One of the league's centres received 40 calls about dangerous dogs last night, many of them puppies. "People were demanding that we take the dogs but we cannot. The law prevents us from rehoming them and we do not have kennel space for them. Callers have threatened to just abandon them," Sarah Sullivan, of the Bridgend centre, said.

Andrew Prentis, vet director at the RSPCA hospital in Putney, southwest London, demonstrated various types of muzzles. He recommended a plastic variety that costs between £5 and £10 depending on size.

Yvonne Wilson, who owns Ish, the only tosa in Britain, last night said she was preparing to take the government to the European Court of Human Rights over the new law.

More seek fewer police openings

By MICHAEL HORSNELL

RECORD numbers of highly qualified young people are applying to join the police only to be met with a curb on recruitment from forces across the country.

The recession and Home Office cuts have been blamed, as well as fewer officers leaving their secure jobs to join the scramble for employment outside where 22 people are chasing every notified vacancy.

The Association of Chief Police Officers said that many applicants were being turned away as forces took advantage of the jobs market and adopted more selective recruitment policies. A spokesman said: "Many forces have met their establishment figure and can't recruit more or have had financial restrictions imposed by their police authorities and do not have the money to pay the number of officers they are entitled to recruit.

"Forces are increasingly recruiting high-quality people, not only those with degrees or A-levels but some in their thirties embarking on a second career."

The Thames Valley force, which covers Berkshire, Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire, has limited job applications to local people. The force has received more than 1,000 applicants for just 100 new jobs this year compared with a total of 1,050 for 250 posts in 1990.

Inspector John Carr, the force's recruitment officer, said: "We have had to try to reduce the number of applicants but it is also a force aim to encourage people who represent their communities to join."

Thames Valley has filled the 3,725 officer posts approved by the Home Office, while in Dorset there is a freeze on all new recruits.

Chief inspector Peter Noble, head of recruitment for Wiltshire police, said: "For the past month we have been turning people away. This is the first time this situation has occured for several years."

Hampshire constabulary also reports a surge in the number of applicants. So far this year 1,300 have applied for 160 jobs, twice the number of applicants for the whole of last year.

Poll tax software supplier collapses

By DOUGLAS BROOM
LOCAL GOVERNMENT CORRESPONDENT

THE introduction of the council tax may be disrupted because an important supplier of financial software to local authorities had gone into liquidation.

Bluebird Software, of Bushey, Hertfordshire, went into voluntary liquidation last Thursday leaving 15 councils without technical support for poll tax collection and housing benefit computer systems. The company was also at the forefront of attempts to produce computer systems to collect the council tax when it is introduced in April 1993.

The Association of District Councils said the collapse could not have come at a worse time with councils preparing to decide which computer system to use for the tax. The introduction of the community charge last year was bedevilled by computer problems which the Audit Commission blamed for the bulk of financial losses suffered by councils.

Untried software, developed at the last minute, led to delays in issuing bills and some councils suffered computer shutdowns because of software problems. To avoid a repetition, the Audit Commission urged software houses to start work quickly on new systems for the council tax and Bluebird was one of the first to produce detailed plans.

The company had also been nominated as the main source of council tax software for use on IBM coriputers. IBM said it had tried to refinance Bluebird but that this had "not proved possible".

Ian Ward, financial undersecretary at the Association of District Councils said: "This could not have come at a worse time. The timescale for the introduction of the council tax is very tight."

According to the society, Bluebird provided poll tax software to councils in Bath (Avon), Beverley (Humberside), Colwyn (Clwyd), Milton Keynes (Bucks), North Devon, Rhymney Valley (Mid Glamorgan), Scunthorpe (Humberside), Wansdyke (Avon), West Somerset and Wycombe (Bucks).

The company is also thought to have supplied other accounting software to Bath, Ealing, Langbaurgh (Cleveland), Leicester, Scunthorpe, Swansea, and Thurrock (Essex) councils.

Girl, 7, murdered after sex assault

By PETER DAVENPORT

ANGELA Flaherty, aged seven, whose body was found hidden in undergrowth less than quarter of a mile from her home, had been sexually assaulted and beaten with a brick or stone, police said yesterday.

Det Supt Peter Bottomley, in charge of the murder enquiry, said that the killer might live locally. He had tried to hide the body in a clearing in a copse in an area known as Kilner Bank, a popular haunt for local children. Angela's pink bicycle, a present for her seventh birthday last October, was found near by.

Her father Martin, a building worker, her mother Shirley and her three elder sisters were last night said to be devastated. Chief Supt Stuart Clough said the family were finding it extremely difficult to come to terms with their loss.

Police have warned parents in the area to keep a close eye on their children and not to let them play alone until the killer has been caught.

Angela was last seen by one of her sisters on Saturday afternoon riding her bicycle outside her home in Rawthorpe, Huddersfield, West Yorkshire. She was wearing a faded denim jacket with hood, a pink top and trousers and white trainers.

Her parents reported her missing that night. Her body was found by a police dog handler at Sunday lunchtime during a search by 40 officers, backed by a moorland rescue team and a police helicopter.

Police are trying to trace her movements during Saturday afternoon and early evening.



Angela: killer hid body in undergrowth

Two held in grouse protests

By PETER DAVENPORT

THE grouse season opened yesterday — the Glorious Twelfth — with animal rights activists enjoying limited success in their plans to disrupt shoots.

The Hunt Saboteurs Association said that 500 supporters had disrupted three shoots, two on the Duke of Westminster's Abbeystead estate, north Lancashire, and one on Snilesworth Moor in the North York Moors National Park.

Two demonstrators were arrested during incidents on Hawthornthwaite Fell and Lee Fell, Lancashire. No decision has been taken on whether charges would follow.

About 40 activists gathered in Yorkshire and, with police in attendance, conducted negotiations with a shooting party led by Lord Ingleby. The result was that Lord Ingleby's party decided to take an early lunch at Snilesworth Lodge.

As the party pichicked on the lawns of the lodge, the activists picketed the gates until, after three hours, a police inspector announced that his lordship would not be resuming the hunt.

Girl's body found in lake

By RICHARD DUCE

THE body of a young girl, thought to be that of missing six-year-old Rebecca McBride was recovered from a lake in Wales yesterday by police divers.

Detectives, heading a search for Rebecca involving 200 officers since she disappeared on Saturday, sent the divers to the lake at Penygroes, near Ammanford, Dyfed, about 20 miles from her home.

Bob Evans, the assistant chief constable for South Wales, said the body was fully clothed and last night a post-mortem examination was being carried out to determine how the child died.

Earlier yesterday police made an appeal for information after it was learned that Rebecca, of Penlan, Swansea, might have caught a train from the city centre to Ammanford, and then taken a local bus to Penygroes. She had earlier been seen on Saturday afternoon walking hand in hand with her brother Simon, aged 15, in Carmarthen Road about two miles from her home. They had visited a local fair against the wishes of Rebecca's mother.

Police have still to determine if the girl died accidentally or if crime was involved. Rebecca's parents David and Linda McBride were said to be totally stunned after news of the police discovery at the lake was broken to them at their home.

Last night a youth was in police custody and is to be charged with abducting Rebecca. He will appear before a juvenile court later. South Wales police said other charges could follow depending on the results of the post-mortem examination.



Rebecca Mcbride: seen two miles from home

Battling village cricketers stop play

A VILLAGE cricket match was abandoned when the players stopped whacking boundaries and began whacking each other.

The match was between a side from Potton, Bedfordshire, and one from the nearby village of Waresley, Cambridgeshire. The sound of leather on willow was replaced with the thud of blows as fighting erupted after six overs of the grudge match.

Once the brawl had finished the umpires were forced to abandon the game while the players retired to the dressing room to tend their bruises. Tension had bubbled as soon as the Potton opening batsmen took strike in the Sunday league match.

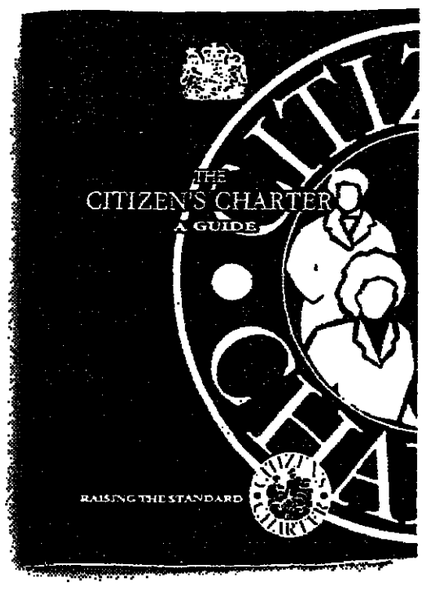
There had been friction between the sides after a number of players switched clubs during the winter close-season. The first overs were uneventful until a bowler became upset at being hit around the ground, heated words were exchanged with a batsman and scuffling broke out.

Within seconds all 22 players were on the wicket and blows were being exchanged. Dave Miles, the Potton club secretary, said: "A few fours were hit, a wide was given and a few personalities clashed. It was involving two or three players and everybody dived in."

The match was in the Millman Trophy league which Potton has won for the past three years. The Potton club said in a statement it deeply regretted the incident on "a black day for local cricket". The incidents were "a disgrace to cricket and discredit the good name of the Millman competition".

The Waresley club said it would take appropriate action against people involved. Both clubs must submit reports to the competition committee when it meets on August 27 to decide on action. A committee spokesman said: "I hope it is a one-off situation."

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RAISING THE STANDARD

Glazier's protest led to cracking of glass sales cartel

The records of a methodical window fitter helped to expose price-fixing nationwide. Tony Dawe traces the steps of the investigators

A DISGRUNTLED glazier who wrote to Margaret Thatcher when she was prime minister started the chain of events which could lead to the first High Court action for damages against companies that have operated price-fixing cartels.

The window fitter from the West Midlands complained to Mrs Thatcher in January 1988 about monopolies in the supply of glass and said specifically that a number of glass merchants in the Midlands had formed a cartel.

The letter was passed to the Office of Fair Trading, whose officials went to see the glazier. "To use his own words, he was tired of being ripped off." Sir Gordon Borrie, director general of fair trading, recalls. "Fortunately for us, he was a reliable and methodical man, who kept diaries and notes of his transactions."

The glazier told the OFT investigators that previously he had been able to get good discounts for 4mm float glass, the type commonly used for homes and offices, by "bidding off" one glass merchant against another. He said that by ringing around he had once improved the discount from 5 per cent to 45 per cent.

In recent years, however, all the merchants had started quoting the same price. Even if a customer tried to shop around for a higher level of discount he would be quoted the same figure from each of the merchants in the cartel.

The glazier also claimed that the cartel "policed" itself and warned off any member who was found to have won a customer from a competitor by offering lower than the agreed prices. Even new companies moving into the area became part of the cartel within months of beginning operations.

The OFT officials interviewed other customers of the cartel members and eventually found a glass merchant who said he had once been invited to a meeting at which several companies agreed to fix a common price. That information provided the OFT with sufficient evidence to use its limited powers under the Restrictive Trade Practices Act and demand that these companies register any price agreements they had made.

To varying degrees, the companies co-operated and the OFT realised that glass cartels were operating, not just in the West Midlands, but in most regions of Britain. Investigators uncovered a wealth of material in the northwest, much of it relevant to the court action now being considered by Manchester city council.

The most straight-forward response to their enquiries came from Peter Chadwick, director of William Bradbury and Sons, of Manchester, one of the smaller companies invited to the price-fixing meetings. His company could not afford to drop its charges to the inflated minimum prices agreed by the others so he was not party to any deal. On one sheet of A4 paper, he spelt out how the racket worked.

"The prime movers behind the meetings were Heywood Williams Group and Solaglas Limited, who are the largest distributors, and they put forward common minimum prices for the glass products distributed which no distributor was to discount below.

"Over the period from March 1987 to February 1988 the company was represented at meetings ... which took place at the Excelsior hotel, Cottons and the Ladbroke hotel, all in the Manchester area. The dates of the meetings were as follows: in 1987, April 23, June 1, July 21, September 17, November 20, and in 1988 on January 4 and February 25." He named the eight companies represented at the meetings and added: "Our company was never provided with any minutes of the meetings."

Mr Chadwick, who now works for a plumbing company in Manchester, told *The Times*: "I took over from another director who used to attend these meetings and I must have gone to between ten and 15. It was only in the latter stages when matters in the glass industry got tight that the companies were looking at doing something with the prices. Heywood Williams and Solaglas dominate the glass market and everybody followed in their wake. The meetings were held at airport hotels because representatives of those two companies flew in from around the country. We generally met in a private room, usually in mid-afternoon.

"As well as discussing prices, there would be a general exchange of ideas and credit information about customers who failed to pay. That was my main reason for attending because the prices they agreed were too cheap for us in any case."

Documents obtained by the OFT and seen by *The Times* fail to disclose the prices agreed in Manchester but a memo provided by Thermovitrine of West Bromwich, a party to the West Midlands glass cartel, shows that in April 1988 the agreed minimum price for 4mm float glass was £4.67 per square metre. The price agreed by Manchester council in July 1988 with its two suppliers, William Pointer Glass of Old Trafford and Armstrong Glass of Salford, both part of the Heywood Williams Group, was £4.56 per square metre.

At the end of last year, after the cartels had been exposed Manchester negotiated a new contract with different suppliers at a cost of £3.55 per square metre.

Ken Barnes, chairman of the direct works committee, told *The Times*: "We found out that we had been 'done' only when the OFT uncovered the cartel. You can spot local rings a mile off by comparing prices with other regions but the glass cartels operated nationwide so there was no obvious difference. We spend £361,000 a year on glass and believe we could have paid at least £123,000 more than we needed."

The council estimates that the average price of all its supplies of glass (not just 4mm float glass) is now 12 per cent lower than it was in the three years that the cartel was known to operate, a loss to the council of £41,000 a year. The loss could be twice as much, however, because private contractors who carry out as much work for the council as its own direct works department were also paying the same inflated prices.

Mr Barnes and his colleagues must now decide whether to seek damages but they could have been spared their difficult decision if the government had acted on a white paper published two years ago and supported by Lord Young of Graffham, then trade and industry secretary. It described the existing law on restrictive practices as "inflexible, slow and over-concerned with harmless agreements".

It proposed bringing the law more closely in line with that of the EC and giving the authorities greater powers to uncover collusion and to impose penalties. Those would include civil penalties of up to 10 per cent of a business's total UK turnover or £250,000, whichever was the higher. The director general of fair trading would also have the power to enter premises, to inspect and to take documents. It would be a criminal offence to obstruct or supply false or misleading information.

Two months ago, Peter Lilley, trade and industry secretary, said that the government would bring in new legislation "when the parliamentary timetable permits".



Barnes: faces decision on whether to seek damages



Hinchliffe: firm was at centre of price-fixing ring



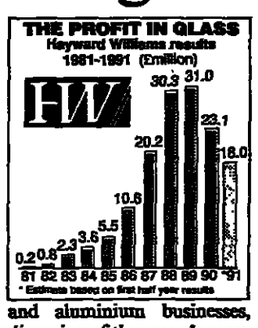
Heywood Williams's Huddersfield office: "The company dominated the glass market and everybody followed"

Price-fixing underpinned firm's dramatic success

THE publicly-quoted company at the centre of the Manchester allegations is Britain's largest distributor of glass and has developed dramatically in the past decade under the chairmanship of a little-known Yorkshire accountant.

When Ralph Hinchliffe took over as chairman of Heywood Williams in December 1980, the company employed fewer than 1,000 people, made little profit and was diversifying to survive. Today it employs 6,000 people, has seen annual profits rise above £31 million before the recession and has swallowed company after company.

Mr Hinchliffe achieved this by concentrating on the glass and aluminium businesses, disposing of the group's more obscure holdings and reducing its involvement in the building sub-contracting industry. He used the slimmed-down company as a springboard for expansion. The group has just completed a £9 million takeover of Thurgar Bardex, makers of plastic windows and doors.



The chairman's success has surprised some but business acquaintances say that Mr Hinchliffe has a sound business brain, a wise choice of friends, including Lord Hanson, and tremendous energy. In recent years he has been hill-farming at his Pennine home near the company's Huddersfield headquarters.

Underlying the company's success, however, has been a policy of price-fixing, especially in the latter half of the 1980s when the glass manufacturers were raising prices at an alarming rate. Heywood Williams was one of 41 glass companies caught out fixing minimum prices by the Office of Fair Trading and forced to give an undertaking to the Restrictive Practices Court to end such agreements.

The OFT investigation makes it clear, however, that the company, with Solaglas, the country's second largest glass supplier, were the ringleaders in fixing prices in seven regions of Britain as well as organising national cartels.

Both companies told *The Times* that they regarded the OFT action as a matter of history and declined to comment on it.

However, memoranda filed by the companies to the OFT help to explain why it became involved in what Sir Gordon Borrie, director general of fair trading, calls "deep deception".

Alun Oxenham, company secretary of Solaglas, now part of the French St Gobain group, explained that dissatisfaction with the prices for stock glass were voiced at private meetings during the 1984 Glass and Glazing Federation conference. He said that Solaglas and two other companies which later became part of Heywood Williams were asked "to give a lead in establising a minimum selling price for float glass in the expectation that other distributors would follow".

Meetings were held to fix a minumum price. Mr Oxenham said that 4mm float glass was selected "because it was the product being sold at the lowest margins in the greatest quantities". Paul Cassidy, managing director of Heywood Williams's glass division, said the agreements were struck because Pilkington Glass, the leading manufacturer, had started raising prices to glass merchants and because intense competition between merchants had cut margins and killed some firms. Heywood Williams, however, enjoyed rising profits until the last 18 months, when they fell. The company blames the recession but some observers believe the ending of the glass cartels has played a significant part.

Driving offence trapped rapist

ABDUL Azad, aged 24, who raped a woman after threatening to cut the throat of her seven-month-old baby, was caught when he was stopped for a minor motoring offence, the Central Criminal Court was told yesterday.

The mother aged 20, formerly of Stepney, east London, was told that she would be killed if she contacted the police, but she gave Azad's description and a nationwide search was launched.

Azad used several false names to avoid capture and escaped to Bangladesh. He later returned to Britain under a false name but when stopped for a motoring matter he was found to have a real identification card, Peter Walsh, for the prosecution, said.

Azad, a waiter, of Shoreditch, east London, pleaded guilty to raping the woman in Stepney in February last year and was jailed for ten years. Judge Richardson, QC, said the rape was a wicked offence.

The court was also told that he carried out the attack four years to the day from being sentenced to two years for a previous rape attack.

Letter wins contract at No 10

A curtain-maker who wrote to John Major about problems facing small businesses has landed a contract at No 10 Downing Street.

Trish Goodchild, aged 40, enclosed a price list from her business, in Ferndown, near Bournemouth, Dorset, and offered to give a quotation for new curtains.

Mrs Goodchild and her husband were invited to meet Mr Major's house manager while the prime minister was on holiday in Spain. "We had a marvellous day measuring up and are going to provide 14 pairs for the third floor in a pink and blue floral pattern," she said yesterday.

Kidnap charge

Lee Darren Fair, aged 26, and Jack Marsh, aged 67, both of Ipswich, were accused at Colchester magistrates court of conspiracy to kidnap after the abduction of the family of James Andrews, a Tesco manager, ten days ago.

Robbed twice

An American businessman was punched unconscious by two muggers who took his £7,000 watch at 4am in Liverpool and then robbed of £700 in hospital by a man who came to his rescue and offered to "hold" his moneybelt.

Driver jailed

Ian Lawson, aged 24, of Darlington, Co Durham, who admitted causing the death of a 13-year-old boy by reckless driving, was jailed for 15 months and banned from driving for three years.

Classic cars

The launch of what is described as Europe's largest classic car event at the London Transport Museum on Thursday, mentioned in the Agenda column yesterday, is open only to the press and not to the general public.

Police service

A memorial service to three policemen killed by gunmen 25 years ago was held in Shepherds Bush, west London, two months after the release from prison of John Witney, one of the men convicted of the killings.

Asylum swim

A Russian seaman has swum ashore from a fishing boat to seek political asylum in the Shetland Islands, the third Soviet refugee to arrive there in the past fortnight.

Royal link

The home of Nell Gwyn, mistress to Charles II, is on the market for £120,000 in Newmarket, Suffolk.

Drink-drive JPs face dismissal

By FRANCES GIBB, LEGAL AFFAIRS CORRESPONDENT

MAGISTRATES convicted of drink-driving offences and disqualified for 12 months or more will be removed from the bench under tougher rules issued by the Lord Chancellor, Lord Mackay of Clashfern, yesterday.

The rules, which have been issued as "revised directions" to the 95 advisory committees in England and Wales responsible for appointing JPs, will also apply to candidates applying for the bench. They state that it is the Lord Chancellor's general policy to remove from office any JP convicted of a drink-drive offence and disqualified for 12 months or more, unless the JP offers to resign. A candidate for the bench who has similarly been disqualified should not be put forward for at least ten years after the offence, and then only after consideration of the circumstances, the directions say.

The Lord Chancellor's department said yesterday there was no plan to bring in similar rules for judges. In any case where a judge is convicted of an offence, the individual circumstances would be looked at, an official said. The only judge in recent years who was dismissed for a criminal conviction was Judge Campbell who was removed by the then Lord Chancellor, Lord Hailsham of St Marylebone for a smuggling offence.

At the same time as bringing in a tougher approach to drink-driving offences, the new directions highlight the need to recruit younger members to the advisory committees and to the bench itself. A balanced age structure is desirable, the directions say, and the first aim should be to find candidates under the age of 55, particularly those in their 30s and 40s.

Spouses of police officers are now disqualified regardless of where the officer works. Previously spouses were disqualified if the officer was serving in the same area as the bench. The Lord Chancellor's department said that the changes had been made as part of a regular review.

Last night Joyce Rose, chairman of the Magistrates' Association, welcomed the directions. "It is difficult to take issue with this; it is something that must be accepted, because you are sitting in judgment on others." In general, she added, it was accepted practice for a magistrate with a drink-driving conviction who was disqualified for a year to be asked to resign and the new rules were consolidating that practice.

Mrs Rose also hailed the emphasis on recruiting younger JPs. "We are very keen to recruit younger magistrates but they face a great problem with regard to their employment. There is a need for employers to appreciate that it does their organisation credit to have a JP on the bench."

However, serving magistrates came up against discrimination over promotion, redundancy and often found it difficult to secure a job, she said. "They need to be given every assistance to enable them to carry out their services as magistrates and employers need to co-operate in giving them the requisite time off."

Workload curtails judges' holidays

By FRANCES GIBB, LEGAL AFFAIRS CORRESPONDENT

THE workload in the High Court and Court of Appeal is now so great that increasing numbers of judges are being forced to forego their traditional two-month summer vacation to man sittings during August and September.

Although the workload in the Royal Courts of Justice slows in the summer, it is now standard for at least one court to be sitting in each division as well as in the Court of Appeal.

An official from the Lord Chancellor's department said: "The volume of litigation has increased over the years, and with it the proportion of work requiring urgent attention has increased. The number of judges available in the long vacation demonstrates the meeting of that need."

With the exception of the Court of Appeal's civil and criminal divisions, however, the sittings are held to deal with urgent business only. In the Court of Appeal's civil division, there will be one or two courts sitting throughout the summer until mid-September and then for the last two weeks in September there will be four appeal courts sitting, with two or three judges in each. In the Court of Appeal's criminal division there will be one court sitting throughout the summer.

In the Chancery division, a judge will be sitting on most Mondays and Thursdays throughout August and September and on other days that may be necessary.

Two judges will be sitting each working day in the Queen's bench division, in the divisonal court, admiralty and commercial courts. A commercial court will also be sitting for a week in August and for most of September.

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Parrots 'smuggled by dealer'

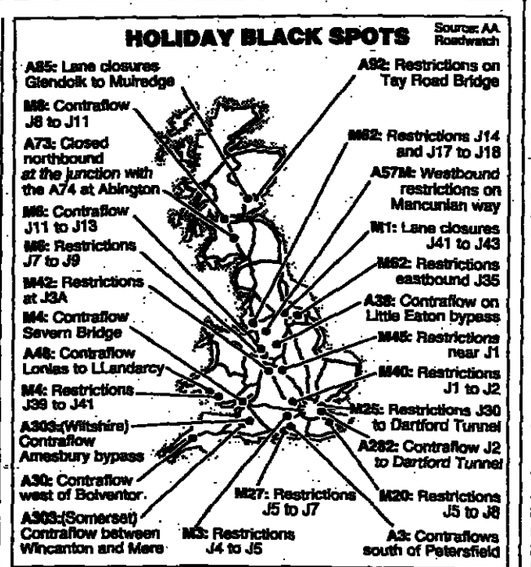
A DEALER in exotic birds smuggled 11 endangered Amazonian parrots into Britain by forging import papers, it was alleged yesterday.

David Deans, aged 36, of Bilsthorpe, Nottinghamshire, was said to have deleted details on existing permits and substituted new information. The parrots were seized at Heathrow airport in February, Isleworth crown court, west London, was told.

Mr Deans denies smuggling the parrots and giving false information to a customs officer. He also denies three charges of forging import documents.

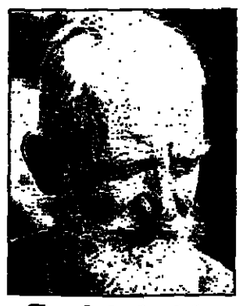
Nigel Peters, for the prosecution, said that Mr Deans had written letters to the Ministry of Agiculture in Guyana saying he was trying to establish a breeding programme. "But the whole thing was a sham," he said.

The trial continues today.



Motorists were warned by AA Roadwatch to expect delays today from heavy holiday traffic on the A55 at Conwy, Gwynedd. Contraflow restrictions between junctions 17 and 18 on the M62 at Manchester are also likely to mean continued delays. Travellers to the West Country will continue to face delays because of a new contraflow on the A30 west of Bolventor, Cornwall.

Dublin considers relaunching troubled year of culture



Shaw: lack of cash for birthplace museum

By EDWARD GORMAN
IRISH AFFAIRS CORRESPONDENT

DUBLIN'S year-long reign as European city of culture appears to be degenerating into farce with proposals to relaunch it for the third time and a dispute over the preservation of the birthplace of George Bernard Shaw.

The city council met yesterday to discuss proposals to "rescue" the year, including one suggestion to relaunch it again after launches in January and official ceremonies in March. Councillors, especially those elected recently, say the year of culture has had virtually no impact on ordinary people. They say that the few events planned have largely been aimed at the wealthy.

Apart from the almost continuous criticism of the organisation, programme and funding of the year, the past six months have seen well publicised wrangles over cultural issues which the government's critics point to as examples of Ireland's failure to protect its cultural heritage.

The latest concerns the Dublin birthplace of Shaw, a small terraced house at 33 Synge Street, which Shaw lovers are trying to save and restore as a museum. The Shaw birthplace museum trust bought the house two-and-a-half years ago for £111,000 but has been unable to repay a bank loan of £54,000 and has until September 1 to find the money or put the house up for sale.

Nora Lever, chairman of the trust, said: "It could only happen in Ireland that during the year in which we celebrate our European cultural capital status, we have to beg for money to rescue the home of a Nobel prizewinning author."

Michael Holroyd, Shaw's biographer, in an open letter to Charles Haughey, the prime minister, says it would be a "national humiliation" not to step in to save the house.

Most of the problems associated with the year stem from underfunding, exacerbated by poor organisation. Dublin managed to raise only £3.5 million to finance the year compared with the £32 million spent last year by Glasgow. Another well founded criticism is that many events listed as part of the year are regular fixtures. The organisers continue to defend their efforts. Lewis Clohessy, director of Dublin '91, said criticisms by councillors were "crazy and ignorant". Jackie Corcoran, a spokesman, said she had full confidence in the year.

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Centuries of alterations and additions make it difficult to judge the true origins of a property

Ancient homes vie for honour of being England's oldest

By JOHN YOUNG

LITTLE Dean Hall, which is said to be England's oldest inhabited house, is up for sale. The house, in the Forest of Dean, Gloucestershire, dates from 1080 and has been occupied ever since.

In 1982 the mansion was opened as a tourist attraction by its owner, Donald Macer-Wright, after the discovery of a Roman temple in the grounds. It is being put on the market with planning consent for change of use to an hotel.

However, it all depends what is meant by oldest. In January 1988, Eastry Court, near Sandwich, Kent, was advertised for sale as the oldest house in England. The earliest part is said to have been built in 603 by the Saxon king Ethelbert as a palace for the eastern-most province of the Kingdom of Kent.

It has, however, long since been partially demolished, altered and extended with medieval additions and a Georgian facade. How does its claim stand up as against, for example, Saltford Manor, on the main road between Bath and Bristol, which may well be the oldest inhabited Norman house, but the facade of which has also been rebuilt?

Any quest for the oldest building in Britain which still serves its original purpose inevitably runs up against the fact that almost nothing has survived unaltered. The most obvious candidates for uninterrupted longevity are Saxon churches, though few exist in their original form. The great cathedrals that followed them have weathered the centuries partly because of their scale and strength but also because of their spiritual and architectural dominance.

In a sense, however, religious buildings are a class apart. The oldest secular buildings still in use might be said to be the Roman baths in Bath, although they, too, have of course been largely rebuilt.

Other than churches, there are virtually no Saxon buildings which have survived in recognisable shape. Martin Cherry, of English Heritage, points out that even the Saxon elements of houses which are still lived in were not necessarily built as dwelling places.

The greatest Norman buildings, with cathedrals, are castles, most of which are now ruins, tourist attractions or both. A handful, such as Dover and the Tower of London, are still garrisoned and so could be said to be still fulfilling their original purpose.

Leicester castle is thought to house the longest sitting court of justice in Britain. Although the castle itself has been substantially altered, fragments of the medieval timber-framed hall, where 11th century justice was dispensed, remain.

Dr Cherry suggests that some of the earliest buildings in uninterrupted use are the Rows in Chester. Recent studies to determine the age of the timbers suggest that the shops and the domestic quarters above and behind them date from the late 13th century.

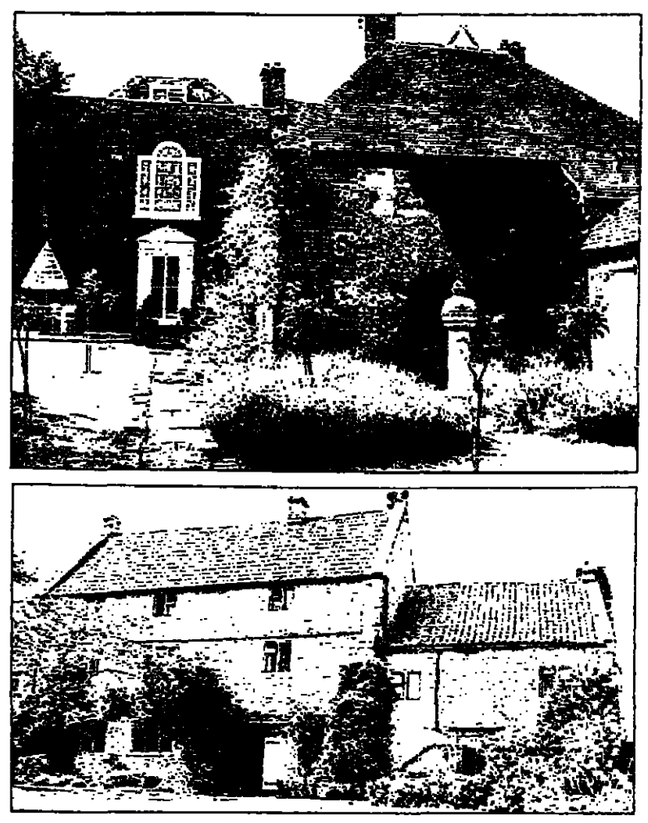
Alms houses are other possible candidates, notably those attached to St Mary's hospital in Chichester, West Sussex, the function of which has scarcely changed since they were built in about 1290.

A number of important Norman buildings have survived in the vicinity of Lincoln cathedral, notably the Jew's House where the business of usury was pursued. In its contemporary use as a shop and offices there is an historic, though no longer a direct, commercial link.

The great medieval barns of England are no longer suited to modern agricultural needs, and far too many have been demolished or allowed to fall into ruin. The best of the survivors have been taken into care. among the oldest are two at Cressing Temple, in Essex, which, until a couple of years ago, were in continuous use for 700 years.

A claimant to be the oldest public house in Britain is the Trip to Jerusalem, in Nottingham. The present structure is 17th century, but the cellars hewn from the underground rock, still used for storing the beer, are believed to date from the 12th century. The oldest library in continual use is probably that of Gloucester cathedral, which dates from the 14th century.





Old homesteads: Little Dean Hall, in the Forest of Dean, Gloucestershire, left, which dates from 1080 and has a Roman temple in its grounds, and Eastry Court, in Kent, top, whose earliest part is said to have been built in 603 by the Saxon king Ethelbert. Both have laid claim to being the oldest house in England. Meanwhile, Saltford Manor, near Bath, above, may well be the oldest inhabited Norman house

Gunmen kidnap bingo manager

TWO gunmen kidnapped a bingo club manageress at her home in Kent yesterday and forced her to drive to the club and hand over the takings.

Police believe it could be a copycat crime following the abduction of a Tesco store manager and a Thomas Cook branch boss in the past fortnight.

Detective Chief Inspector John Pearce, of Gillingham CID, said: "It is possible that the people involved in this one got the idea from the earlier incidents. But we do not believe that the same people are involved. The descriptions do not match up."

He said that the woman, who is in her twenties, was forced to drive one of the men in her Burgundy Rover car to the Jasmine bingo club, in Forest Hill, south London. "The other man followed in a tatty, white car." The woman was shocked but not hurt, he added.

Ramblers threaten legal action

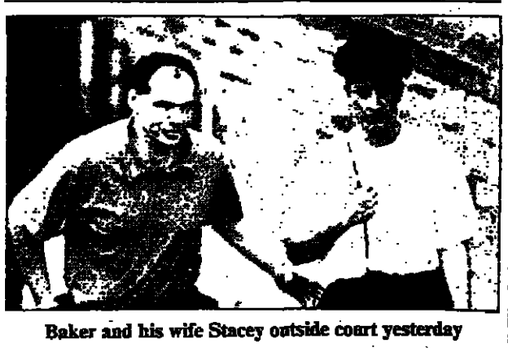
FARMERS who block footpaths and public rights of way will be prosecuted, the Ramblers' Association pledged yesterday.

The association is angry that, in spite of laws passed last year giving local authorities power to deal with offenders, many landowners still block walkers from crossing their land. Chris Hall, the association's president, criticised local authorities for a "patchy and feeble" response and said the time for tough action had arrived.

He said ramblers were frustrated by years of struggling with crops on paths, sticky ploughland, barbed wire and disappearing signposts.

"We shall be going to the courts expressly to ensure that paths are kept clear through growing crops, the most common problem ramblers meet," he said. "The new legislation gives us the power to prosecute; our growing numbers and resources give us the power to employ the necessary staff."

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Baker and his wife Stacey outside court yesterday

Penniless chef lived life of millionaire

A CHEF at a Torquay hotel lived the life of a millionaire after telling everyone that he had inherited £2 million from a little old lady for whom he used to run errands, Torbay magistrates' court was told yesterday.

The deception began when Gary Baker, aged 25, wanted to buy his wife Stacey a Ford XR3i for her 21st birthday. "Of course he couldn't afford it," John Darby, for the defence, said. "So he created a story about the old lady."

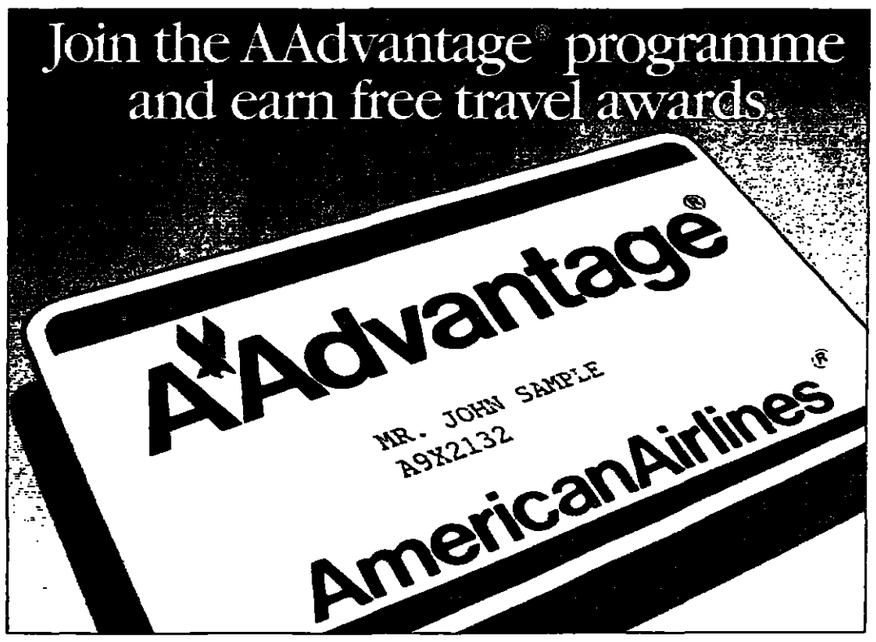
Cynthia White, for the prosecution, said: "He went from shop to shop telling shopkeepers about his massive inheritance, and showing them press reports as confirmation. The police were called when several enthusiastic sales persons discovered they weren't actually being paid."

Baker, of Torquay, pleaded guilty to five specimen deception charges involving a Ford Scorpio, a Ford RS Turbo, a Sony Camcorder, a hi-fi system and two compact disc players. He asked for other offences to be taken into consideration including the purchase or attempted purchase of a £183,000 motor cruiser, a £4,600 Caribbean holiday and two motorcycles.

The magistrates deferred sentence for four weeks for social enquiry reports.



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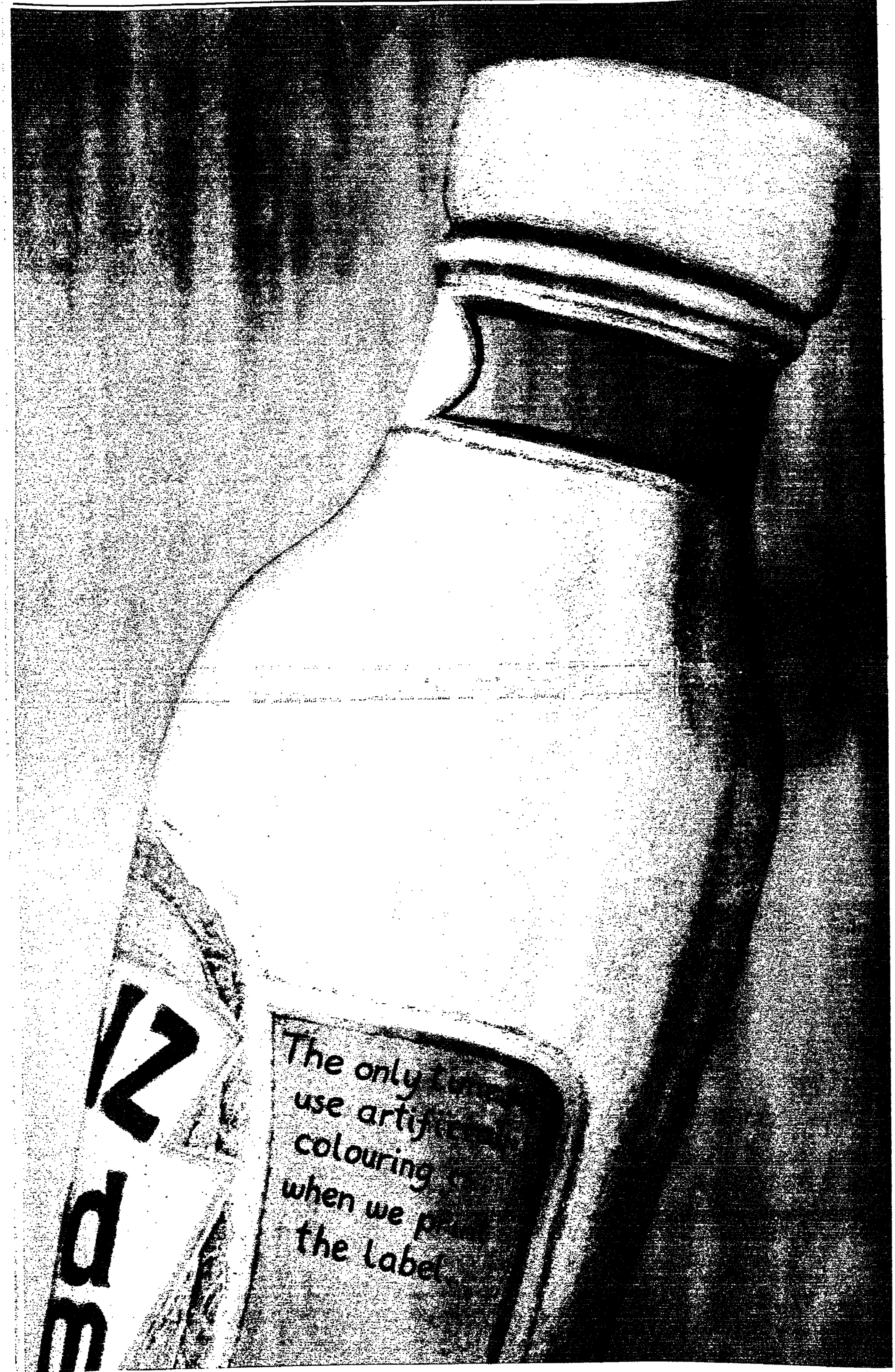
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Middle East talks provide impetus to solve hostage issue

From Ali Jaber in Beirut and Our Foreign Staff

THE time is now right to resolve the hostage issue, according to fundamentalist officials and independent observers here. They believe that a solution is near because the Middle East peace talks, scheduled to start in October, have accelerated a breakthrough in the saga of the ten Westerners held captive for years in Lebanon.

Sheikh Muhammad Hussein Fadlallah, the mentor of Lebanon's Muslim fundamentalists, said the elements for resolving the issue had been there for a long time. But all the cards had not fallen in place. He said Iran, the main backer of the hostage-takers, no longer considered the hostages as a tool for gaining political leverage.

For its part, Syria's new image of moderation is no longer served by backing the imprisonment of foreigners in Lebanon, now virtually under Syrian military control. "So what remains, therefore," Sheikh Fadlallah said, "is the kidnappers' only demand" — the freeing of 400 Arab prisoners in Israel.

He said Israel had repeatedly vowed to free the detainees if seven of its soldiers, missing in Lebanon since 1982, were accounted for. Hezbollah, the Muslim fundamentalist party which holds them, had said it was prepared to participate in a deal. "But nothing moved. Why? Our assumption is that the United States was preventing a breakthrough and waiting for a suitable timing," he added.

The editor of the independent *an-Nahar* newspaper, Ghassan Tweini, said in yesterday's edition that the "era of loosening the knots and dismantling the gallows has come". Other observers pointed out that Syria was eager to increase Israel's isolation and show the world that it was the main obstructor of peace as the conference on the Middle East approaches.

By offering to free the hostages in return for Arab detainees in Israel, the kidnappers, serving Syria's interests, have kicked the ball into Tel Aviv's court. Any Israeli hesitation would be viewed as an attempt to obstruct the end of the hostage saga.

To Syria's further advantage, the kidnappers have now asked the United Nations to play a key role in solving the issue. The credit the UN would get from sponsoring a solution to the hostage plight will boost its status at the peace conference. Presently, it has been marginalised by Israel to a mere observer's seat.

Iran, on the other hand, squeezed by increasing economic isolation, is longing for more international and regional recognition. It feels that the "US-led train of the new world order is passing it by", said a Muslim fundamentalist official close to Tehran. "Their only ticket for joining that train is the hostages' issue," the official who requested anonymity added.

An American diplomat in Beirut said that there is today a unique opportunity for solving the hostages issue. "There is a unique moment in time now that the interests of the United States, Syria, Iran and Israel are intersecting," he said requesting anonymity.

"Everybody is flexing their muscles and showing force for the conference," he said. "Syria and Iran are most eager to reflect moderation and they would do anything to convince the world they were not terrorist states," he added.

● **Hostage well:** Jean Sutherland, the wife of American hostage, Thomas Sutherland, said freed British captive John McCarthy had telephoned to say her husband was well and in good spirits.

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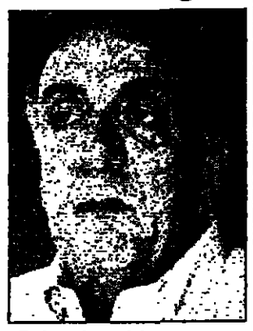


Turkish devastation: the wrecked village of Kherazotz in the Kurdish part of northern Iraq after a bombing raid by the Turkish Air Force in which 12 civilians died. This photograph was taken by a German volunteer relief worker. Barlas Dogu, Turkey's defence minister, said yesterday that it had completed its cross-border incursion into Iraq "for the time being". Mr Dogu said that the operation fulfilled its desired objective to prevent Kurdish "brigands" from using the frontier as a base for attacks into Turkey. He reserved his country's right to take further action if necessary. Earlier Mesut Yilmaz, the prime minister, said Turkish troops would return to their own territory when the operation was finished and that Turkey did not intend to declare a three-mile buffer zone. The intention was to deny that area as a base for the guerrillas. Three Turkish boys died yesterday when a hand grenade in a field near the southeastern town of Cizre, exploded.

Man in the news

Israel's 'Smiley' takes centre stage

From Richard Beeston in Jerusalem



Labrani: retiring master of intelligence

IN the nether world of the Middle East hostage bazaar, it was only a matter of time before Uri Lubrani would once again assume centre stage.

Under successive Israeli government's the toughest, and often most glamorous, missions have been reserved for this retiring master of Israeli intelligence and diplomacy, who was dubbed by the press here recently the Jewish state's equivalent of John Le Carre's Cold War warrior, George Smiley.

Most recently he masterminded the largest airlift in Israel's history, when 15,000 Ethiopian Jews were spirited to Israel in two days, the time between the collapse of the Mengistu regime and the capture of Addis Ababa by rebel forces. He is also instrumental in keeping open numerous channels of dialogue between Israel and countries which officially do not admit any links with the Jewish state.

Mr Lubrani, aged 64, was born in Haifa to a Polish father and a Viennese mother. He joined the foreign service after the army and was sent to read history and economics at London University. He returned to take up the post of foreign affairs adviser in the prime minister's office and was later appointed ambassador to Uganda at the time of Idi Amin. He later served as head of mission in Ethiopia under Emperor Haile Selassie and in Iran under the Shah.

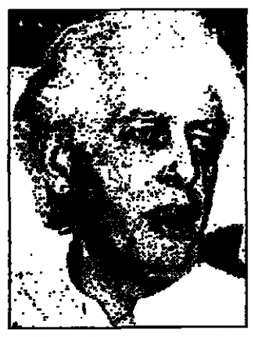
His dealings with Iran and, more recently, with the unpredictable Ethiopian leader, Mengistu Haile Miriam, make him well qualified to undertake his present mission, although he will need all his often cited charm, diplomatic ability and bargaining skills if he is to succeed in negotiating with a shadowy group for seven missing Israeli servicemen.

Although officially Israel is standing firm on its insistence that it will not free any of its Lebanese Shia Muslim prisoners unless it first has solid evidence about the fate of its servicemen, privately Mr Lubrani is under intense pressure from America and Britain to make some gesture in recognition of the kidnappers' recent release of two long-time Western hostages. Although Israel holds 400 prisoners, including the senior Hezbollah (party of God) figure, Sheikh Abdul Karim Obeid, Mr Lubrani is not expected to act in haste when dealing with some of the ruthless negotiators in the Middle East, in particular Iran and Syria.

"They would like us to release Sheikh Obeid for as little as possible," he said in a recent interview in the Jerusalem *Report* magazine. "I think in the end we will be successful. It's a question of time, nerves, stamina."

Tracy is treated for severe mental stress

From Ian Murray in Wiesbaden



Tracy: hamburgers and plenty of black coffee

EDWARD Tracy, America's all-but-forgotten hostage, spent his first full day of freedom yesterday at Lindsey US Air Force hospital, undergoing tests for severe mental stress after nearly five years in captivity.

Colonel Earl W. Ferguson, head of the specialist medical team, said that although he was physically "in very good condition" he had been under severe pressure. At Mr Tracy's request, the colonel refused to go into details.

He said that all he could discuss was the fact that "nutritionally he is in very good shape, he has been given meat, vegetables and fruit and ate very well at the end".

As part of a procedure to help hostages reintegrate speedily, Mr Tracy was given a haircut, had a photograph taken for a new passport and was bought some new clothes. The colonel said that after two or three days Mr Tracy wanted to go back to live near Boston, where he had some connections. There was no information about the conditions in which he was held, or the fate of any other hostages he might have seen.

Apart from the specialist medical team and a spokesman from the State Department, "Ned" was alone in the luxury double-bedded suite in the Freedom Hall wing of the hospital, where 115 other released hostages and hijack victims have been treated in the past decade.

Unlike John McCarthy, he had no family and friends to welcome him when he arrived on Sunday evening. His son, Laurence, who had arrived to see him late on Sunday evening, met him for the first time over dinner last night, when they had a pizza together.

Having left America 35 years ago, Mr Tracy is now 60, divorced and largely rootless. The Revolutionary Justice Organisation claimed that the ten years he spent in Beirut before they caught him, selling encyclopaedias, was merely a cover for spying. Although this was promptly and categorically denied officially, his 83-year-old mother, who last saw him in 1965, had said that her son would do anything for money. His German ex-wife, Inge, agreed and suggested to a news agency that her former husband was rather weird. In his last letter to her, before he was abducted, she said he mysteriously claimed to be "the father of 5,000 motorbikes".

When Mr Tracy stepped from the aircraft bringing him from Damascus he warmly shook the hand of the American consul general and greeted him in German. He learnt to speak it here when wooing his wife and trying, unsuccessfully, to run a beer hall.His taste in food, however, was unquestionably all-American. He told the crew of the C-141 plane that what he wanted to eat more than anything else when he reached the hospital was a Big Mac hamburger and a Coke.

Mr Tracy enjoyed his hamburger and promptly went to bed for a long night's sleep. From then on the only scraps of information handed out to the anxious press corps were details of what he was ordering to eat. Breakfast was officially described as "hearty", including ham, eggs, toast, tomato juice and black coffee. Lunch was a tuna sandwich and more black coffee.

"He could have T-bone and apple pie if he wants, but he just wants Big Macs and tuna fish," said one spokesman. "Maybe that's what you dream about in a Lebanese cellar."

Family told how to help McCarthy

By Lin Jenkins

JOHN McCarthy's father and brother were yesterday being counselled by military psychologists to prepare them to help his transition from hostage to normal life after 1,943 days in captivity in Lebanon.

Mr McCarthy spoke last night to Brian Keenan, his fellow hostage for much of his time in captivity, for the first time since being released. Mr Keenan said that Mr McCarthy had been "apprehensive and hesitant" during their telephone conversation.

Wing Commander Gordon Turnbull, an RAF psychologist from Princess Alexandra hospital at Wroughton, has cancelled his holiday after taking a special interest in Mr McCarthy's case. An expert in post-traumatic stress, Wing Commander Turnbull treated survivors of Lockerbie and Hillsborough. He was one of the medical team that flew to Damascus for Mr McCarthy's release.

Group Captain Ian Corbitt, station commander at RAF Lyneham in Wiltshire, said: "He struck up a particular rapport with John, so volunteered to cancel his holiday. John and his family are all currently undergoing counselling. The family needs to learn how to treat John and they are getting medical advice."

Fifty-one die in island riots

Paris — The death toll from anti-government protests in Madagascar at the weekend rose to at least 51, with another 50 missing, a Red Cross official said yesterday.

Most businesses were closed in the capital of Antananarivo in response to the opposition's call for a general strike to force President Ratsiraka to resign, sources in Madagascar said. Troops killed 31 people in the capital and 20 more in Mahajanga. *(AP)*

Iranians sought

Paris — Two Iranians suspected of involvement in the assassination of the former Iranian prime minister Shapour Bakhtiar are travelling under Turkish passports, police said yesterday. Two of the last three men to have seen Bakhtiar were spotted on August 7, the day after the killing, in the French Alps. *(Reuter)*

Child bride move

Delhi — Ameena Begum, aged ten, rescued on a flight from Hyderabad after allegedly being sold to and forced to marry Yahya al-Sagish, a Saudi Arabian sheikh aged 60, has been sent to a women's home where prostitutes and criminals live because a magistrate here says he has no legal alternative. *(AP)*

Workers sought

Al Manamah, Bahrain — Kuwait is recruiting workers in neighbouring states to fill jobs previously held by Palestinians and other foreigners, a Kuwaiti embassy spokesman said here. Citizens of the Gulf Co-operation Council were wanted, because "we have learned the danger of relying on foreigners". *(Reuter)*

Democracy poll

Dhaka — Bangladesh will hold a referendum of its 60 million voters on September 15 to decide on a return to parliamentary democracy, the Chief Election Commissioner said. Proposed new legislation would restore a parliamentary form of government after 16 years of presidential rule and military dictatorship. *(Reuter)*

UN driver held

Amman — Jordanian police have arrested Soubil Khalil Souccar, aged 42, a Unesco driver, in connection with the murder of Hamad Khawwad, the acting director of Unesco's Middle East bureau, and the wounding of two other employees. He is reported to have told police he had "problems at work". *(AFP)*

Died free

Johannesburg — Batian, one of the last lions cared for by George Adamson, the murdered game warden whose work was immortalised in the book *Born Free* by his wife Joy, has been shot dead after straying into a South African game farm from his protected reserve in Botswana. *(Reuter)*

Second fiddle

Hong Kong — The immigration department here has refused entry to a member of the Czechoslovak State Philharmonic Orchestra, Vera Lipatova, a Russian living in Kosice in eastern Slovakia, where the orchestra is based, leaving the musicians one second violin short. *(AFP)*

Parties to boycott conference

From Sam Kiley in Kinshasa

WITH the decision of Zaire's largest political parties to boycott the national conference supposed to choose a new constitution and perhaps replace President Mobutu after 26 years in power, the political future of Africa's second largest country yesterday seemed less certain than ever.

Opposition leaders complained of political chicanery by the ruling Popular Movement for the Revolution. They said hundreds of delegates at the conferenceclaiming to represent the opposition were in fact government plants. They said delegates from remote areas had been unable to reach the capital for the conference because their plane tickets had been issued to Mobutu supporters and there were no passable roads to the capital.

Some Western diplomats are confident that President Mobutu will agree to step down and stick to his promise of a year ago to support a multiparty democracy. But there are no signs that he is feeling any pressure, and he is likely to try to remain in office at least until his official presidential mandate expires in December.

Etienne Tshisekedi, leader of the opposition Union for Democracy and Social Progress, said in an interview on Sunday: "The will of the people cannot be refused. Mobutu is a monster ... and a veritable catastrophe. If he tries to resist there will not be violence, but the people will bring him to his knees with strikes and marches."

Fate of Grenada five still in the balance

By David Watts, Diplomatic Correspondent

AS STEEL bands got a two-day carnival under way yesterday, the people of Grenada waited to see whether a black flag would go up over the central jail. The signal would mean the execution of five detainees convicted of the murder of revolutionary leader Maurice Bishop, which prompted the American-led invasion of the island eight years ago.

With the fate of the detainees in the balance, a leading defence lawyer was preparing to fly to London last night with a final plea to the Privy Council to intervene in the case. The five could be executed at any moment and islanders and campaigners fear that the Grenadan government might use the cover of the carnival to dispose of the prisoners, who include Bernard Coard, the former Grenadan prime minister, and his wife Phyllis.

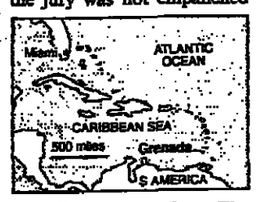
Coard took a postgraduate degree at Sussex university and taught in Britain before becoming the "brains" of the New Jewel Movement, alongside Bishop's charismatic leadership. His wife was a student at Reading university.

The government is not obliged to give prior notice of executions, and so the families wait in anguish from day to day for news of the final stage of the case, which was described by a former attorney-general as both "a saga of macabre manipulation" and "a miscarriage of justice such as I have never seen in 53 years as a lawyer".

The case against the five rests on the testimony of a security guard who gave evidence that there was a plot against Bishop and that members of the central committee were seen huddling shortly before he was shot by firing squad.

Not only was a second guard, who would have contradicted that evidence, not called before the court, but Cletus St Paul, the guard who testified, had himself been asked by Bishop to spread plot rumours to discredit Coard after a dispute between the two men concerning the leadership of the New Jewel Movement.

The judge was called in specially to hear the case but the jury was not empanelled according to regulations. The accused were also not represented by lawyers. Once empanelled, jurors and prosecution lawyers started to harangue the defendants, according to campaigners. Grenadan law provides that defence lawyers must be present during the hearing of cases involving the death sentence.



Grenada was supposed to resume appeals to the Privy Council in London from August 1, the first time since the revolution, but the Sir Paul Scoon, the governor-general, rescinded the order in late July and said that a new date would be set for its resumption. There are widespread suspicions that the change was made because the government feared that the Privy Council might rule that the case should be reopened.

Clarence Hughes, Coard's Guyanese lawyer, is now preparing to fly to London to pursue his contention that either the governor-general acted *ultra vires* in rescinding the original order or, if it stands, the rescinding means Grenada now has no functioning higher court system.

Critics of the Grenadan government believe that it is to please the United States, and to convince Washington that the Caribbean is safe for capitalism, that there is now what appears to be an unseemly haste to execute the detainees in spite of the many questions surrounding the case. "There certainly seems to be a force stronger than the Grenadan government behind this case," said Lucia Otto, a London lawyer who is working with the campaign tp save the five.

"The US government is engaging in overkill," said Richard Hart, a Jamaican lawyer who served as attorney-general, but was not part of the government until the United States invaded.

"They have achieved their objective. Coard has no possible hope of leading a government in Grenada again. After the invasion the psychological warfare department plastered the island with posters describing these people as thugs. Nobody is going to challenge American domination of the region. They can relax in Grenada now."



Hand of comfort: Nathaniel Fawcett, right, an American, and Allan Clark, of Scotland, recovering in Manila after a grenade attack on their Protestant mission in the southern Philippines city of Zamboanga at the weekend. Two women died and 38 people, mostly foreigners, were injured. Twenty-one of the victims were airlifted to the capital aboard air force troop transporters. Police said the attack was the work of a Muslim separatist group that was insulted when one of the mission allegedly described the prophet Mohammad as a liar. Several arrests have been made.

Peking pressed on rights

From Catherine Sampson in Peking

TOSHIKI Kaifu, the Japanese prime minister, has told Chinese leaders that the key to improving Peking's international standing is to let the world see progress on human rights and moves towards democracy.

"I told prime minister Li Peng that at the G7 summit other leaders expressed concern over human rights in China," he said here yesterday. "I also told prime minister Li Peng that the way China intends to approach the issue of democratisation and human rights in China must be clear and understandable to the world community ... that is the way to improve China's standing in the world."

The Japanese prime minister is the first leader of one of the seven top industrialised nations to visit Peking since the Tiananmen Square killings in 1989, when the Chinese army fired at unarmed demonstrators. Hundreds, perhaps thousands, were killed. Although it complied with G7 sanctions imposed after the killings, Japan has been anxious not to isolate China.Mr Kaifu has been careful not to offend Chinese leaders during his visit by making reference to the events of two years ago. Indeed, one Chinese spokesman said that Mr Kaifu's talks with Jiang Zemin, the Communist party general secretary, were punctuated with laughter. While Mr Kaifu's talks with Li Peng, his Chinese counterpart, lasted three and a half hours, his meeting with Mr Jiang appeared to be light-hearted and lasted an hour.

Arms control, however, provided one area of contention. Chinese leaders have told Mr Kaifu that although, in principle, they support Japan's proposal to make it compulsory to report all transfers of conventional weapons to the UN, they have some reservations. Mr Kaifu said that the UN had to win China's support on this issue and that Japan would try to find a way to allay Chinese concerns. TodayMr Kaifu will fly to Ulan Bator, where Mongolians are eagerly awaiting his promises of support, both moral and financial, for their radical economic and political reforms.

Sons of France's forgotten Algerians demand to live in dignity



Cresson: forced to listen to Harkis' descendants

VIOLENT protests near the peaceful Roman ruins of Narbo Martius are forcing the government of Edith Cresson to listen to immigrants who, because they are French, cannot be put on charter flights to their country of origin.

For two months the demonstrations by the sons of the Harkis, the "forgotten" Algerians who fought with French forces during Algeria's war of independence 30 years ago, have raged across the Midi. Masked protesters throwing petrol bombs or occupying government buildings have clashed with CRS riot police at Carcassonne, above Nimes and at the normally sleepy tourist resort of Narbonne. They demand that the authorities should provide them with adequate housing, education, jobs and dignity.

"A gesture by the government is not going to calm us," a spokesman for the Harki movement, who preferred not to be identified, said at the Cité des Oliviers, a drab housing estate five-minutes' drive from the normally tranquil centre of Narbonne. The estate was purpose-built for the veterans and their families in the 1960s. "If we are pushed to become terrorists, we will do so," he added.

On the estate's balconies, looking on to the rolling Languedoc hills, elderly Harki women still wear brightly coloured Algerian dresses and headscarves. Their children and grandchildren dress like young Frenchmen on holiday, clad in Bermuda shorts, Hawaiian shirts and tennis shoes. Some of the youths wear gold hand-of-Fatima charms on neck chains. Harkis are Muslims, although they are reviled by other immigrants from North Africa.

Descendants of the Harkis who fought for France in Algeria have resorted to violence to draw attention their plight, John Phillips writes

The Evian accords of 1962 granting Algeria independence made no provision for the 200,000 Muslim Algerians who fought on the French side in the preceding war. De Gaulle was in a hurry to close the Algerian file and the Harkis were officially discouraged from fleeing to France.

Only about 68,000 Harki soldiers escaped. About 100,000 others, forced to remain behind, were killed within nine months, according to a 1964 Algerian government report recently cited by *Le Monde*. Today there are an estimated 450,000 Harkis and their families in France. Only about a third of them are believed to have integrated well into French society. Another third are thought to live in overcrowded state housing. A few still fester in military camps such as Bias. On housing estates such as the Cité des Oliviers, youth unemployment is as high as 85 per cent. About two-thirds of the Harkis are aged under 20.

A government report last year spoke of "a population in a situation of extreme precariousness – pauperisation, catastrophic unemployment, petty delinquency, school setbacks, racism and exclusion".

Jean-Louis Bianco, the social affairs and integration minister, the son of an Italian immigrant, last month proposed measures to ease their plight by providing more jobs and housing. But the militants, who last week elected a national "committee of co-ordination" to promote their cause, rejected them as insufficient.

M Bianco also denies persistent reports that government funds set aside for the Harkis in the early 1980s were diverted to organisations linked to the socialist party of President Mitterrand.

Hubert Mouly, the mayor of Narbonne, is worried that the protests may hurt tourism. Narbonne's well-preserved Roman ruins, the flying buttresses of its medieval St Just cathedral and the sea at nearby Narbonne Plage draw half a million visitors a year, providing vital employment for the city's 50,000 inhabitants.



De Gaulle: in a hurry to close the Algerian file

Thousands of Albanian refugees defy police

By PAUL BOMPARD IN ROME AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

SURROUNDED by police and troops, more than 2,000 Albanian refugees in Italy yesterday defied attempts to send them home. Gianni De Michelis, the Italian foreign minister, flew to Tirana to try to resolve the refugee problem in talks with the Albanian government.

By late yesterday about 12,000 refugees, worn down by five days of hunger, thirst and exposure, had been transported home. The 2,000, armed with sticks, pieces of metal and even axes, still held out, however. Several hundred spent their fifth day on the wharf of Bari harbour. Many had occupied the Susan, a Maltese merchant ship moored near by. Some 1,000 continued to hold out in Bari football stadium, into which they were herded last Thursday and later took over.

Ule Sceta, aged 40, a spokesman for those refusing to leave, said: "We are staying; we are Europe's bad conscience." Mr Sceta, who spent 14 years in prison in Albania, told police and journalists that the diehards would agree to leave Italy only for other West European countries such as France or Germany. "We will go on fighting with all our strength not to go back to Albania," he said.

For several days police approaching the stadium have been pelted with stones and rubble, even radiators and sinks. By yesterday the constant rioting had developed into a tense stand-off, with Vincenzo Parisi, the police chief, trying to negotiate with the refugees.

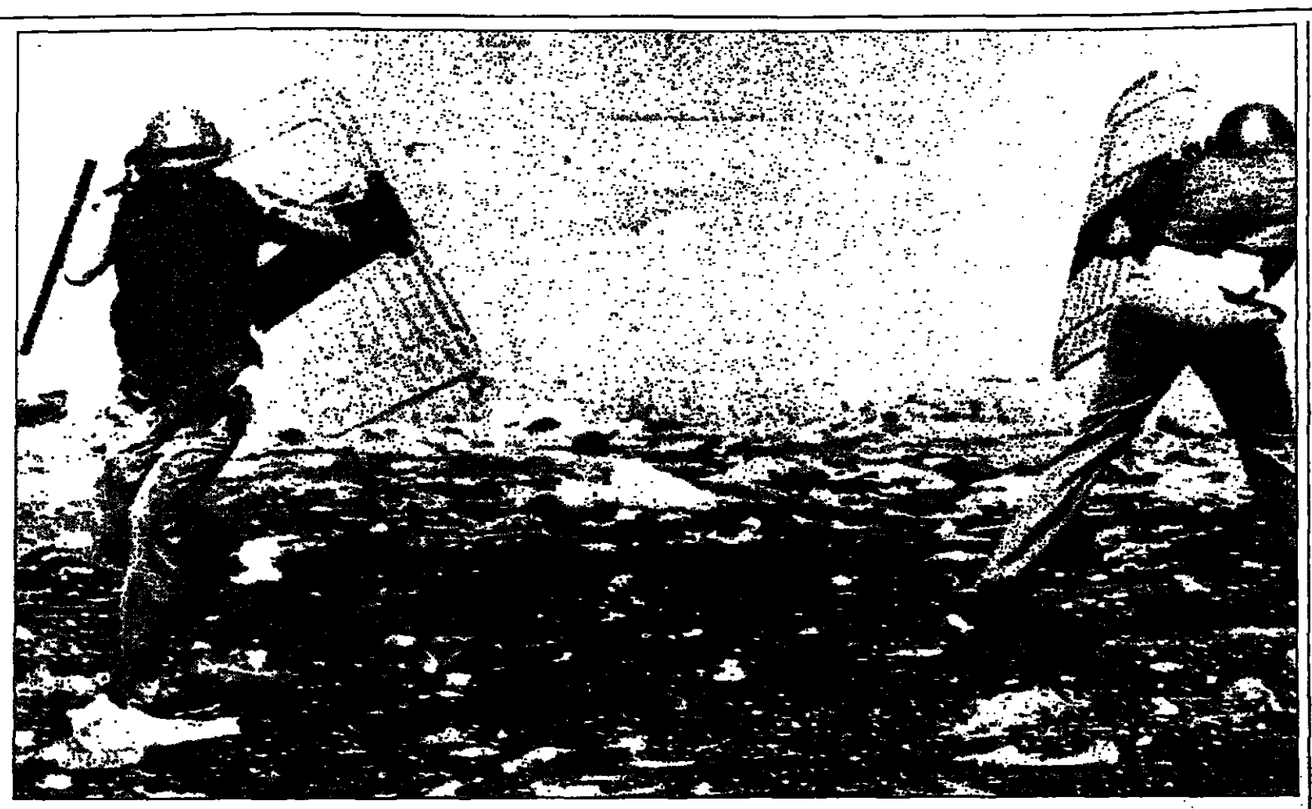
Those willing to be returned to Albania were being offered a new shirt, a pair of jeans and the equivalent of £22 in cash by the authorities yesterday. Those who refused were given milk and water but no food. Officials estimate that, between last Thursday, when most of the latest refugees arrived, and yesterday, at least 1,000 Albanians had broken through police lines and were roaming through Bari and surrounding areas.

Only about 300 refugees, deserters from the Albanian army who would face harsh punishment if sent back, will be allowed to stay in Italy for *the time being. They will be* sent home only if some kind of immunity can be negotiated for them.

In Belgium yesterday, two Albanians who clung to the underside of a train from Italy for more than 11 hours were caught by police on arrival in the southeastern town of Arlon. More than 12 Albanians have been discovered by police in the past week trying to enter Belgium curled up in the roofs or wedged beneath the undercarriages of trains. Rail officials say they may be helped by a secret network. In Brussels, the European Commission said it had doubled emergency aid approved this year for Albania when it cleared another 2 million ecus (£1.4 million). The commission said the money would be used mainly to provide food and medicines and added that it would send a mission to Albania in the near future to assess its medium-term food needs.



De Michelis: in Tirana to try to resolve problem



Brave front: two Italian riot police dodging a barrage of missiles thrown at them by Albanian refugees on the quayside of Bari harbour

Kohl calls for border trials

From ASSOCIATED PRESS IN BONN

HELMUT Kohl, the German chancellor, yesterday called for the prosecution of former East Germans who were responsible for the deaths of would-be escapers.

In a message marking the 30th anniversary of the building of the Berlin Wall, he said united Germany owed it to "the victims who lost their lives attempting to flee from Germany to Germany, to bring those responsible for their deaths to justice". He described the wall as "a visible mark of the true character of a communist dictatorship".

Construction of the wall began on August 13, 1961. Much of it has been torn down since the fall of Germany's hardline communist government in 1989.

Among those wanted in connection with shoot-to-kill orders along the former East German borders is Erich Honecker, aged 78, the deposed communist leader who escaped to Moscow in March. Erich Mielke, aged 83, the former East German secret police chief who is in jail in Berlin, may also face charges. Prosecutors have promised to bring to trial individual border guards who killed would-be escapers.

Volker Ruehe, the general secretary of the Christian Democratic Union party, said yesterday that united Germany "should pay restitution to the families of those who suffered a bitter fate and repressiveness," under the former East German system. Officials say that about 200 people were killed trying to cross the wall or fortified East German borders to West Germany during more than 40 years of communist rule.

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Serbs accused of delaying exchange of prisoners

From ERNEST BECK IN ZAGREB AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

AUTHORITIES in the embattled Croatian city of Osijek said yesterday they were willing to go ahead with a plan to exchange Serb and Croat prisoners captured during recent fighting in the area. But reports last night from Belgrade said that the handover had been stalled because the Serbians had not had time to collect Croat prisoners from their places of detention.

Zlatko Kramaric, the mayor of Osijek, yesterday repeated charges that Croatian prisoners detained by Serbian forces had been severely beaten. Croatian authorities said all Serbian prisoners were in good physical condition.

Mr Kramaric said 35 Serbians would be released from Osijek jail while an undetermined number of Croats were to be freed from what he called "terrorist jails" in Borovo-Selo, a Serbian enclave near Osijek. He said that after the exchange, ten Serbians would be left in city prisons. But he accused Serbs of delaying a full prison swap because they had refused to supply an accurate list of detainees.

Croatian leaders also repeated accusations that Serbian guerrillas were continuing to violate ceasefire rules. Slavko Degoricija, the deputy interior minister, said in Zagreb that the Croatian national guard and police, as well as civilians, had been fired on in three areas. He criticised the federal commission responsible for implementing the ceasefire and said further participation in its meetings in Belgrade would be pointless under these conditions.

Croatian officials also expressed growing fears about the safety of about 2,000 Croats missing after fleeing the town of Dalj last week. The town had come under attack by Serbian forces.

Three Serbs died and four were wounded on Sunday when the Yugoslav Air Force bombed their positions, apparently in error, reports said yesterday. The toll was the worst in a single incident since the ceasefire came into effect last Wednesday.

Slobodan Milosevic, the Serbian president, met leaders of Bosnia-Hercegovina and Montenegro in Belgrade yesterday to discuss the formation of a new, smaller Yugoslavia. The meeting has stirred unrest in Bosnia, where resident Muslims and Croats fear it is a prelude to the creation of "Greater Serbia".

● **Brussels:** The European Community may consider calling an international conference on Yugoslavia if warring factions fail to agree to talk among themselves, Hans van den Broek, the Dutch foreign minister said. *(Reuter)*

Spectre of nazi past mars proposals for new jobs

From IAN MURRAY IN BONN

THE moral issue of whether jobs for the living or respect for nazi victims should be given precedence has taken on an urgency in the Harz mountains near Nordhausen, where a mining company wants to dig up the underground factory in which thousands of slave labourers died building V1 and V2 rockets.

The company, one of the first to start operations in job-starved eastern Germany, wants to extract gypsum. It owns the rights and would find no difficulty recruiting the 300 people needed to work the open-cast site.

The gypsum mountain is, however, also the site of Mittelbau Dora, the concentration camp where, between August 1943 and April 1945, about 60,000 prisoners from 21 countries were forced to work underground on the rockets. Thousands were packed together, working and sleeping in tiny tunnels and at least 20,000 people died.

Under communist rule, little was done to preserve the site as a monument. After unification, however, a committee set to work to have it restored as a museum. Gisela Klose, its leader, believes that the best way to make the world understand what happened would be to re-create the underground factory, complete with its twin, mile-long railway tunnels under the gypsum mountain. She has rejected a compromise plan by the firm to preserve three or four rooms, arguing that no one would visit a museum in the middle of a mining site.

The local council, working on a plan for the region designed to provide 850 jobs for three years, has passed a resolution banning open-cast mining and blasting in the area. It includes preserving the rocket factory as a monument, even though the money required is not available.

Yesterday Germany's privatisation agency broke off talks on the issue after protests



from Jewish and gypsy groups. The Treuhand agency, responsible for rescuing industries in east Germany, said it still hoped to negotiate a compromise over the gypsum mine in spite of the protesters' argument that many victims are buried underground.

Two other attempts to utilise concentration camps in eastern Germany have both recently been blocked. One was a development by Kaiser's – a supermarket chain with no imperial connections – at Ravensbrück, where 90,000 women died between 1939 and 1945. The "Road of Nations", leading to the store, was built by the prisoners and strewn with the ashes of those who died.

The local council, with only one dissenting voice, approved the plan because all other land nearby is in Soviet possession and the local population was eager to have a Western-style supermarket in the neighbourhood. Pastor Eberhard Erdmann, who voted against the idea, said: "How can people think of buying food at a place where so many starved to death?" He was backed by Manfred Stolpe, the prime minister of Brandenberg, who has agreed to take over the nearly completed building for probable use as a museum.

The other proposal to use a former concentration camp site came from the state of Brandenburg itself, and was particularly bizarre. The plan was to create a tax collection office in the building at Oranienburg once used by the SS to administer Sachsenhausen camp, where half the 200,000 wartime prisoners died in captivity. Brandenburg's tax payers will doubtless be relieved to learn it is to be turned into a memorial – but at their expense.

Soviet Arctic comes to terms with its gulag history

From JULIA RUBIN IN MAGADAN

ANDREI Goryachev went through the History Museum's new exhibition here slowly, examining yellowed newspapers, rolls of rusted barbed wire and wooden stakes that once marked the graves of people identified only as D-14, G-25 or V-14. Aged 22, he wanted to learn about his grandfather, one of millions imprisoned in the stalinist slave-labour camps that scarred the permafrost around this city.

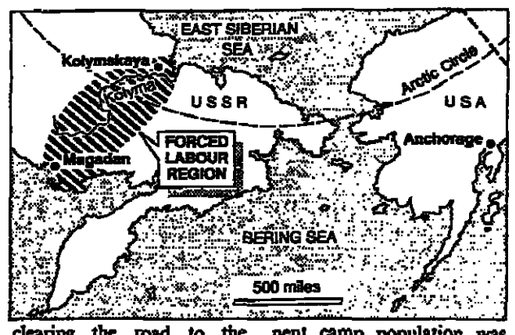
Magadan was gateway to the frozen Kolyma gold fields where an estimated three million people died. It was the deadliest district in the gulag labour-camp system created in the 1930s by Stalin. The city itself was built by Soviet slave labourers. Its very name became a synonym for terror.

The exhibition did not go far enough in exposing the causes of the camps, Mr Goryachev said, but what it did show shook him. "It hits hard," he said. "It's set up nicely, but what's in it is agonising." Closed to visitors for decades, Magadan now is struggling to come to terms with its past. Tourists are taken to former camps and execution grounds by guides reading passages from survivors' memoirs.

Magadan is full of victims and relatives, of witnesses and reminders. Only recently, residents say, did they feel safe to talk openly about the camps. Some are trying to discover what happened in some of the prison buildings they pass daily. But they also worry about adding to the hurt and shame that hang over Magadan. "It's like a very sick person and you're picking at the wounds all the time," said Larisa Kozlovskaya of the local government tourist agency. "I wasn't against discussing the gulag. We want to work more and more on that issue. But I was against showing the actual prisons."

Mr Goryachev wishes more of his fellow-countrymen were willing to contemplate Magadan's history. "It's very difficult for people to come to this exhibition," he said. "Some people never dreamed something like this would exist."

The road north from Magadan to its airport winds through grey mountains carpeted with the thick forest, known as the taiga. It is the beginning of the Kolyma Highway, which locals say was built on human bones – those of prisoners who died clearing the road to the Kolyma camps. Prisoners arrived in Magadan by boat from railway points to the south, sometimes as many as 12,000 people packed in the holds. Occasionally the ships got stuck in the ice, and their human cargo perished.



Just how many people were sent to the Kolyma gulag has never been determined but it is estimated that the permanent camp population was 500,000, constantly being replenished. Prisoners were sent on to dozens of camps, as far north as the Arctic Ocean. Ragged prisoners worked 16-hour days on starvation rations in the terrible cold. Disease swept the camps. Mass graves were dug in the permafrost. At one intersection along the road is a small clearing that the tour guide, Zinaida Orekhova, identified as a former execution site. It was one of several such sites around the city.

The camps swallowed up many prominent people – scientists, artists, officers. The poet Osip Mandelshtam and the literary critic D. S. Mirsky died on the way to Kolyma. The rocket scientist, S. P. Korolev, spent years in Kolyma before he was sent, still a prisoner, to a special institute to do research.

The Soviet emigré sculptor, Ernest Neizvestny, has designed a towering memorial in Magadan to Stalin's victims. It is a collection of masks representing millions of nameless victims. It is to be completed in about two years. Memory lives along Magadan's busy streets as well as in its cold, unmarked graves. *(AP)*

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Tribunal to decide future of tent city

Paris – The 372 homeless people squatting at Quai de la Gare on the Left Bank of the Seine are awaiting a decision from a Paris tribunal today on whether to delay an expulsion order (Susan Bell writes).

The tent city, which has been compared with an African refugee camp, made headlines when it stopped the building of the world's largest library. Lawyers for the squatters yesterday emphasised the appalling conditions under which these families live, while also highlighting the "scandal" of the capital's 117,000 empty flats.

Crew saved

Nuuk – The Finnish crew of a Bahamas-registered freighter, Finn Polaris, were rescued from their lifeboats when their ship hit floating ice and sank off northwest Greenland. An oil tanker picked up the crew of 16 men and three women six hours after they abandoned ship. *(AFP)*

Sofia delays poll

Sofia – Bulgaria's general election, scheduled for September 29, is to be postponed because of a delay in enacting polling laws, Nikolai Todorov, the chairman of parliament, said. One big hurdle is a motion to bar 300,000 emigré Bulgarians from voting. *(Reuter)*

Shelter attack

Ueckermuende – Forty youths wearing helmets and brandishing bayonets and swords attacked a shelter for immigrants seeking asylum in Germany, injuring some of them. Officials said they were probably right-wing extremists, who have increasingly targeted foreigners in eastern Germany. *(AFP)*

PoW released

Islamabad – The Afghan resistance here has freed a Soviet prisoner of war. Kurban Ali Tashrifov, aged 25, was handed over to the Soviet ambassador. The Kabul government, which had promised to free 25 mujahedin in exchange, had already released five. *(AFP)*

Secret nurse

Bonn – A government minister spent two days looking after old people in a geriatric hospital to help her understand the problems of patients and staff. Hannelore Roensch, minister for the family and old people, said she had worked incognito in a clinic where her duties included washing patients. *(Reuter)*

Road robbers

Barcelona – Eight Peruvians were arrested here in connection with a series of robberies on the main highways of Catalonia, police said. There has been a spate of robberies this month on main roads in the region, with foreign tourists the most frequent victims. *(Reuter)*

Antarctic rescue

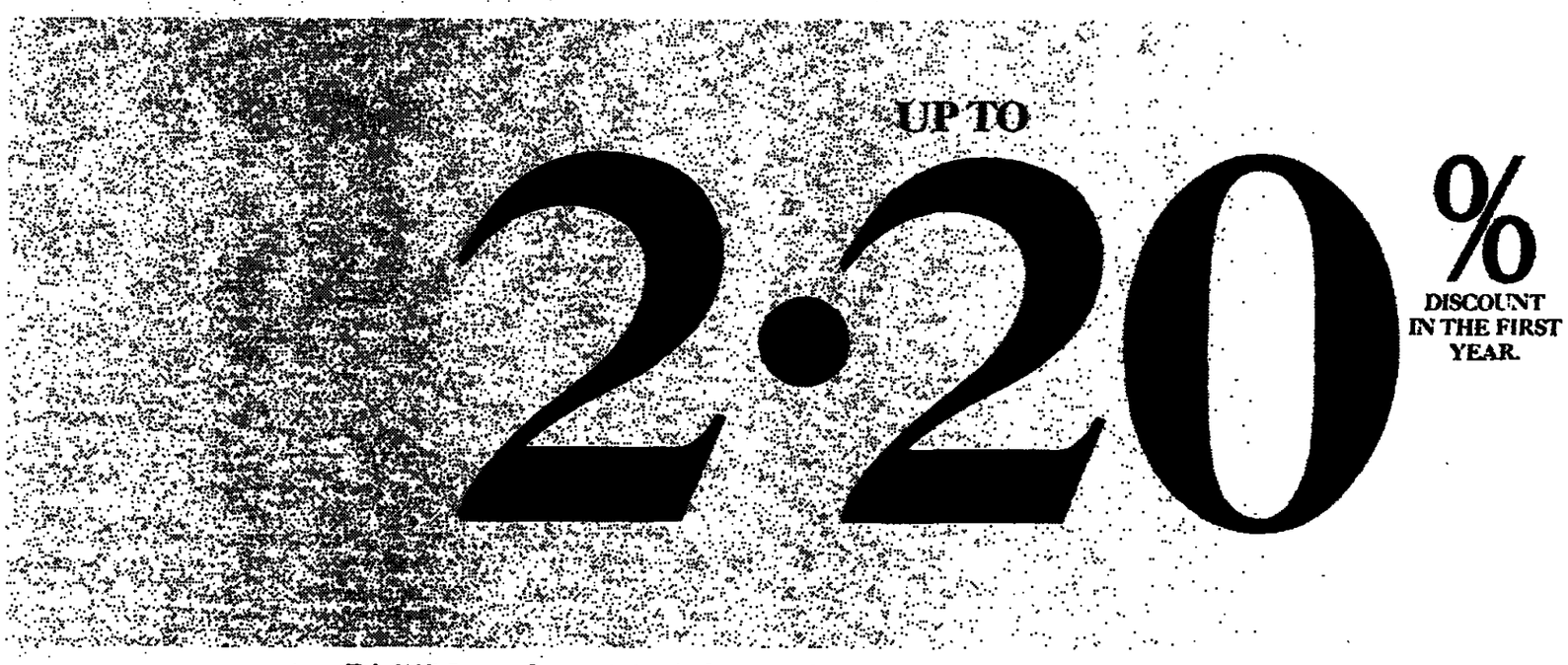
Moscow – A Soviet aircraft took off for the Antarctic to rescue 169 members of a scientific expedition trapped on a ship in polar ice drifts, Tass news agency said. The Somov has been working in the area for 15 months. The Institute of Antarctic Research said that everyone on board was well. *(Reuter)*

Stepping out

Paris – A gardener aged 40 set a world record after walking up or down more than one million steps in 11 days. Vimochan-Rene Beauvais started on the Montmartre hill, tackling 222 steps every two minutes and stopping to sleep for four hours a day. "I feel like a millionaire of stairs," he said. *(AFP)*

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Nostalgia for the nursery is feeding a flourishing business in vintage styles for the smallest consumers. **Liz Smith** reports

Young fogies in old stitches

STEVE BICKNELL







Cashmere and wool jerseys (left) and hand-knitted bobble jumper from Tangled Web's Heritage range

A child does not care whether his christening shawl is a six-foot square heirloom in cobweb-fine ivory cashmere, or a triangle of plain white acrylic: but his grandmother cares a great deal. The nostalgic image of babies in embroidered robes and smocked romper suits growing into scrubbed children dressed in knickerbockers and Fair Isle jerseys is sufficiently strong to keep alive the tradition of classic clothes for young children.

Smart shops decked out with painted nursery furniture, selling silk taffeta party frocks at £125, velvet shorts at £35 and Peter Pan collared pyjamas at £30, have flourished in recent years, predictably in London's Sloaney enclaves of Knightsbridge and Chelsea. Within a short buggy-ride of Kensington Gardens are Anthea Moore Ede, Patrizia Wigan, Scott-Adie and Joanna's Tent, all jostling for the custom of children still too young to nag their parents for psychedelic leggings.

Patrizia Wigan has already outgrown the shop she opened in Parson's Green, west London, in 1987, selling cross-over cardigans and sailor suits. Two more London shops have been added, as well as a department in Selfridges, and her traditional British smocked Liberty lawn frocks sell all over Britain as well as in Italy, Australia and Japan.

The Young England shop, opened in Belgravia last year by Victoria Wilson, the Princess of Wales's former employer at the Young England kindergarten, has the added cachet of being run by Barbara Barnes, former nanny to Princes William and Harry.

The old-fashioned virtues of hand-knitted matinée jackets and smocked nightdresses for children have a broad appeal, however. Woolworth's Ladybird label is stitched inside traditional knitted rompers and smocked dresses too, all priced at less than £10. A well-mannered navy blue coat with red velvet collar and muff can be found in Woolworth's top stores from this month, priced at £25.99 for up to three-year-olds. The Scotch House sells tiny Shetland cardigans banded with tartan ribbon for £28.50.

A christening set that costs £4,000 is another matter. Consisting of robe, hooded cape and shawl in cobweb lace, made by hand on a remote Shetland island out of the softest one-ply cashmere, its market is limited. This does not bother Prudence Collett-Jobey of Tangled Web. The set is top of the range of traditional children's knitwear with which she established her label three years ago. An architect by training, she had rekindled her earlier passion for knitting when she made a fine one-ply wool lace shawl for a friend's baby. "I realised then that wonderful yarns were available but that traditional babywear was hard to find," she says.

In 1988 Joanna Taylor, then recently graduated from the Royal College of Art, joined her to start reviving vintage knitting stitches and reworking traditional patterns. The result was the first Baby Bunting collection for babies up to two years old, with knitted rompers, cross-over cardigans, vests and bonnets, priced from £60. A Heritage range of traditional designs for two to six-year-olds priced from £50 was added — neat round-necked sweaters buttoned on one shoulder, cable-front crew-necks, bobble-stitched Fair Isles, some machine-knitted, some worked by hand, in cotton, "cashwool" (a blend of lambswool and cashmere) and pure cashmere.

Tangled Web's own heritage of inspiration is dotted all over the company's headquarters at Richmond, southwest London. A stack of Victorian starched white christening robes spills out of a cardboard box beside Ms Collett-Jobey's desk. An early wooden hank-winder is clamped to a filing cabinet. On the bookshelves, behind spools of wool in every shade of cream from ivory to rich parchment, are albums of Marcus Adams's photographs of the Princesses Lillibet and Margaret Rose.

Ms Collett-Jobey makes regular expeditions to the Orkneys for the yarns and to the Shetlands to brief the knitters. Gladys Amedro, who is the only knitter capable of making the cobweb lace christening set, lives on one of the more remote Shetland isles. Princess Beatrice, elder daughter of the Duke and Duchess of York, was the last royal baby to be swaddled in one of Mrs Amedro's "wedding ring" shawls, although not a Tangled Web design.

Louise Allen, who graduated from the Royal College of Art this summer, works on a freelance basis for Tangled Web. Fiona Colquhoun, with an MA in knitwear design from Nottingham polytechnic, took over from Miss Taylor as in-house designer last year. She now takes the shuttle north to Hawick eight times a year to see each collection through every stage of development from the initial design to the final packing of each garment.

At the top of the Tangled Web range is the Heirloom collection of shawls, jackets and robes — and that extravagant christening set — in single, two-ply or three-ply cashmere. "Granny fodder," Ms Collett-Jobey says, opening a handsome cedarwood box and unfolding from its fat cushion of tissue paper a tiny knitted dress and hooded cape.

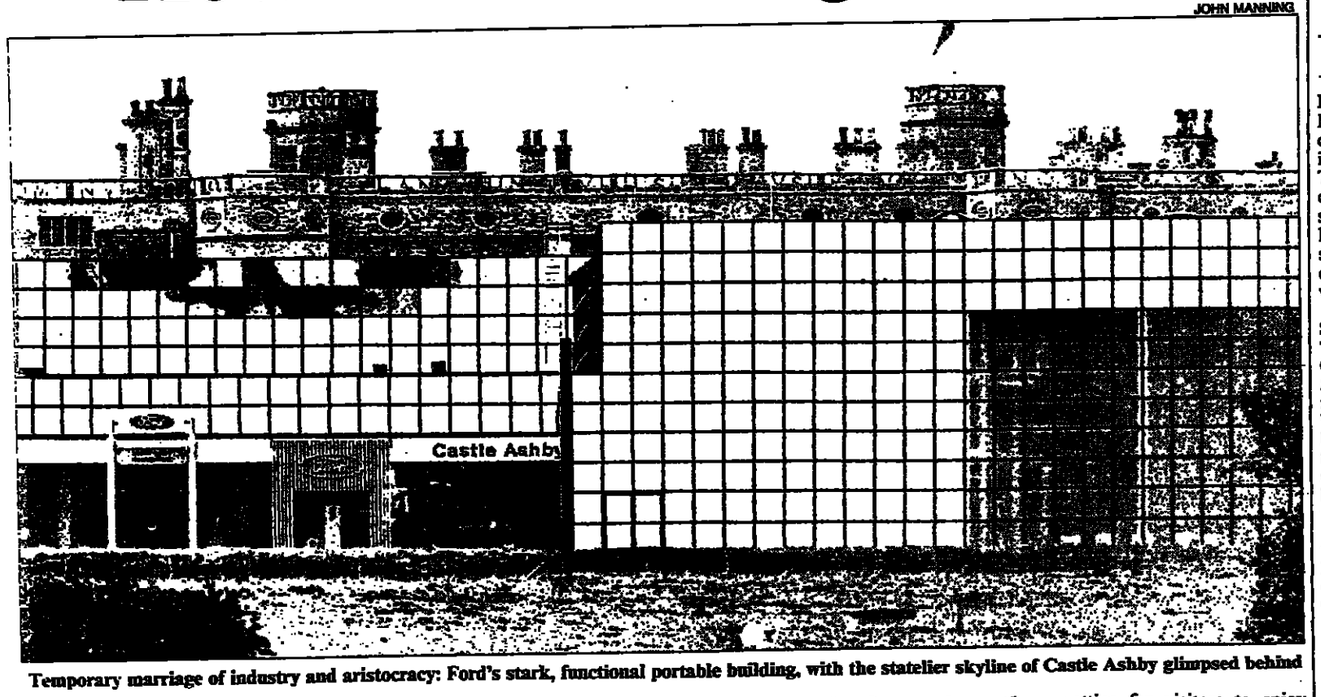
A white leather-bound diary is presented with each christening robe and shawl, inscribed by the knitter detailing the stitches used. "Bead, horseshoe, rose and anchor, fern stitch," reads one, signed Hilary Rhode.

The Japanese are enthusiastic customers of the Heirloom range. Tangled Web's Baby Bunting line now sells in Tartine et Chocolat in Paris. Joanna's Tent, Young England and Bananas in London, and Jelly Bean in Canterbury, have the Heritage handknits. Do-it-yourself knitters can also tackle the chunkier bobble-stitched and patterned sweaters (like the one shown above centre). The price, £19.95, includes pattern, yarn, buttons, postage and packing, and on each kit sold Tangled Web donates £1.50 to the Sportsman's Aid Society Teenage Trust Cancer Appeal (telephone 081-948 4100).

Hand-embroidered cardigan and corduroy walking shorts from the new Ladybird range at Woolworth's

How noblesse obliged Ford

JOHN MANNING



Temporary marriage of industry and aristocracy: Ford's stark, functional portable building, with the statelier skyline of Castle Ashby glimpsed behind

A chrome and glass blot on the landscape in fact solves the problems of both a stately-home owner and a car giant

Castle Ashby is one of Northamptonshire's grandest historic homes, dating back 400 years. The gardens were considered among the finest work of Capability Brown.

From his mullioned windows, the 7th Marquess of Northampton, the present owner, can look over his parklands and fields rolling down to the River Nene . . . his view blocked only by the three-storey car showroom in his back garden.

Visitors who stray off the main road to Castle Ashby rub their eyes in disbelief when they see the glass and aluminium office block standing within 200 yards of Castle Ashby house.

With its mirrored frontage and gaudy yellow entrance, the building looks as though it has been transplanted from London's Docklands on to an otherwise perfect rural landscape.

One glimpse would send the Prince of Wales into a rage. Even the planners behind the carbuncles decried by the Prince would not allow an office block to be built alongside one of England's finest Elizabethan houses.

In fact, Lord Northampton invited Ford to build its offices at Castle Ashby. The exercise is an example of entrepreneurial modern aristocracy trying to protect and restore its homes.

Lord Northampton inherited a house that was falling into serious disrepair, with restoration likely to cost several million pounds. The house's saviour was to be industry, he decided, with Castle Ashby turned into an elegant conference centre. The only problem was raising the cash needed for the rebuilding and refurbishing project.

Ford, Britain's biggest car company, proved an unlikely ally. When it launched its Granada executive car in 1985, the company needed a building that could house an exhibition for the new model and also provide a conference centre, a lecture theatre, a restaurant for more than 350 people, and a full-sized car showroom. One other thing: the showroom had to be portable. Ford turned to Imagination, a company specialising in staging exhibitions, for the solution.

The result was a building (first erected at Brentwood, Essex) about the size of a city office block, with more than 31,000 sq ft of floor space, which could be dismantled and shipped elsewhere. After the Granada's launch, it was.

Planners would not allow an office block to be built at Castle Ashby, but they would allow a portable structure to be put up. Ford could erect its conference centre in Castle Ashby's grounds so long as it guaranteed to return the site to a green field within five years.

Meanwhile, the rent paid by Ford to Lord Northampton has paid for much of the £2.5 million of repairs to the house. The arrangement, though an unlikely blend of styles four centuries apart, was a perfect marriage of industry and aristocracy.

Castle Ashby was started in 1574 for Henry, 1st Lord of Compton, and built in the shape of the letter "E" as a tribute to Elizabeth I. Magnificent cedars and horse chestnuts planted by Capability Brown still survive. There is also a menagerie, designed by Robert Adam, which used to house rare birds but is now the setting for visitors to enjoy cream teas.

Ford's portable offices, now at Castle Ashby, come from the big-city bright-lights school of functional architecture. Chrome and glass are everywhere. Visitors are taken to a sumptuous lecture theatre with air-conditioning and stereo sound. On the ground floor is a mock-up of the ideal Ford showroom, with cars on podiums under brilliant lamps and a shop stocked with everything from engine oil to Ford T-shirts. Most of the company's one thousand dealers have been to the centre for training sessions and conferences.

By March 1992, however, there will be no trace of the building. Construction teams move in at the end of this year to undo the nuts and bolts holding this sophisticated portable building together, ready to put it into storage until a new site is found.

Then Castle Ashby will regain a substantial part of its lands, and its uninterrupted view across the Nene valley to the farmland and woods of Northamptonshire.

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Lighting up the world

The work of the Anglo-Spanish design duo who transformed the 1980s office is being celebrated in a new book

PERRY King and Santiago Miranda specialise in giving office equipment and furnishings an appealing humanity. They have made significant contributions to furniture and showroom design, but their lighting is legendary — so simple and effective that no design-conscious office was without it in the 1980s.

In the hands of Mr King and Señor Miranda the word "technology" takes on its true Greek meaning — *techné* and *logos*, or art and reason. A new book by Hugh Aldersey-Williams details how King-Miranda Associati's industrially manufactured products rise above sound ergonomics by a fusion of "pragmatism with poetry".

The pair, one British and the other Spanish, are based in Milan. Mr King studied industrial design at Birmingham College of Art. A stint in a British design consultancy was followed by five years in the Ettore Sottsass Milan studio in the mid 1960s.

During this time he designed a bright red portable typewriter called Valentine which, he explains, "was invented for use any place except in an office, so as not to remind anyone of monotonous working hours".

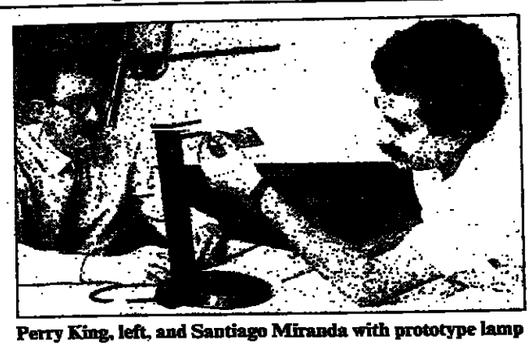
Señor Miranda dabbled in model-making, pottery and sculpture before specialising in industrial design at Seville's school of art.

The pair first worked together in 1972, designing typefaces for use on computer screens, then developing graphics and machine interfaces for Olivetti. With the formalisation of their partnership in 1975, they started designing lamps for the Italian company Flos/Arteluce, and office furniture for the Milan-based company Marcatré, an offshoot of the Italian furniture manufacturer Cassina.

Sony has commissioned King-Miranda to explore technology designs for domestic situations.

Visualising how well-designed electronics can meet everyday needs, the partners talk of developing a telephone for the deaf and a textural photocopier for the blind.

The poetry-technology equation is best seen in King-Miranda's lighting designs. During the past 15 years, the partners have created more than 20 lights for Flos/Arteluce. Most successful was the minimal "Jill" uplighter, with frosted, pressed-glass base and light-diffusing dish joined by a simple steel tube. In using manufactured, rather than hand-blown, glass, the partners created a light which employed industrial materials and processes, yet suited a domestic environment.



Perry King, left, and Santiago Miranda with prototype lamp



The Air Mail chair: no sloach in the office

Lighting commissioned from King-Miranda for the 1992 Seville International Expo totals some 10,000 units, including street lights, mushroom-like garden lights, park lights and floodlights. The designs are based on a motif resembling the infinity symbol, which also looks like the emblem for Seville, Señor Miranda's home town. After Expo, it is hoped the lights will be made by Philips in Spain.

King-Miranda's reputation for innovative furniture design hinges on work commissioned by Marcatré. The Air Mail range of office chairs, developed in 1981 for Marcatré, allows sitters to slouch as well as adopting an ergonomically approved position.

In 1989, King-Miranda designed the N chair, a simple metal-framed side chair with black upholstered back rest resembling a cocked hat. This was its first design for the American company Atelier International, now part of the Steelcase empire, the world's largest office furniture manufacturer.

KING-MIRANDA has designed all the leading Marcatré showrooms in Europe. The latest, in Paris (1989), has golden clouds made from wire wool suspended from the ceiling. The effect of the interior the partners designed for a Japanese disco, Sogno A, using marble, slate and slabs of silk-screened glass, has been described as "like being inside some very posh, primeval spacecraft". The Japanese are clearly fans: they have invited King-Miranda to design a hotel.

NICOLE SWENGLEY

● King and Miranda: The Poetry of the Machine, *a Blueprint monograph by Hugh Aldersey-Williams, is published by Fourth Estate and Wordsearch on September 5 (£16.95). A small exhibition of drawings and prints by King-Miranda runs from August 27 to 30 at the Architecture Foundation, The Economist Building, 30 Bury Street, London SW1 (071-839 9389)*

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BRITISH CINEMA

Must all roads lead to California?

In his second report on the domestic film industry, David Robinson looks at how US producers may hold the key to our success



Rare British winner: a scene from *Chariots of Fire*, showing a keen competitor in need of assistance, sums up the status of our film industry

Hollywood did not set out to conquer the world: there was just no way of stopping it. Today, with new markets opened up in Eastern Europe, America controls an estimated 90 per cent of the world film market – excluding India, China and the Soviet Union. In this country the current Top Ten box-office films are all American: in the week ending July 29 they took a total of £9.5 million, the lion's share of the British market.

Everywhere the story is the same. *Variety* publishes a weekly round-up of the world box office. The same titles – *Home Alone, Lucky Luke, Robin Hood: Prince of Thieves, Dances With Wolves* – head the box-office listings in any country you like to name. As in Britain, the cinemas of countries such as Denmark, Spain and Sweden are completely dominated by Hollywood product. Even in those countries with comparatively strong national production, such as Japan, Germany, France and Italy, eight out of the top ten films are currently American. France was, until 1990, the only country in Europe to maintain a majority audience for its national product: now well over 50 per cent of the box office goes to American films.

> *'Hollywood has a product as precisely formulated as junk food'*

The cultural, economic and political implications of this are enormous. For generations, the dreams of the impressionable, film-consuming young in every part of the world have been formed in the American image. Anybody who spent much time in Eastern Europe before perestroika knows the importance of Coca-Cola and blue jeans in the symbolism of subversion.

The historical explanation of Hollywood domination is geo-demographic. Apart from China, America has the largest monolingual audience in the world. Even the most extravagant Hollywood film can recoup its cost in the domestic theatrical market alone: everything else, including video and overseas distribution, is profit. *Terminator 2*, which cost an estimated $100 million (£59 million), grossed $122 million in the first three weeks of its United States and Canadian release. (By rough rule of thumb, a film needs a gross income three times the production cost to take it into profit).

This economy supports a level of production and marketing with which no other country can ever compete. Hollywood dominates the world market simply because its films are more opulent in production, more polished and assured in technique, more calculatedly popular in appeal, and supported by an infrastructure for distribution, marketing and publicity throughout the world.

The economic self-sufficiency of American cinema permits its film and television productions to be sold abroad at competitive and even cut-throat prices. Hollywood, moreover, has the ability and perception to buy talent from the rest of the world: British directors and technicians figure largely in Hollywood and in the annual Oscar awards. As the international power of Hollywood grows, indigenous cinemas become more endangered. Audiences conditioned to American film become less receptive to any other kind of entertainment. Hollywood has developed a product as precisely formulated to its market as junk food. As with junk food, the audience knows that its expectations will be precisely fulfilled.

The Hollywood strategy has always been to follow well tested formulas. Craft standards are impeccable. The star system is still efficiently serviced. Fundamentally childish stories are disguised with a veneer of sophistication and contemporaneity. Plots and problems are always neatly resolved to leave no nagging worries.

Joe d'Morais of Blue Dolphin, one of the few companies which still takes risks on distributing offbeat films, confirms that American conditioning of the media makes his job harder. "Critics used to like to be different from the others in their views. Now there is a creeping conformity. After a preview of Leonard Schrader's *Naked Tango*, this week, four critics who had seen it rang me to ask what was the 'consensus', so that they would know what to write."

"Editors won't commit themselves till they know the American reactions," says David Puttnam. "We had problems with *Memphis Belle* because we opened it in Britain first. Editors complained that they did not know how to deal with it till they saw the American reaction. The media will not commit themselves until they know what America thinks. They want to know in advance if a film is going to be successful. They are used to promoting Hollywood pre-packaged goods and pre-packaged success. Everything has been filtered before they have to deal with it."

British cinema, then, is lined up against the wall with much of the rest of the world, struggling to survive the stranglehold of Hollywood, to retain a share of the market and of the distracted attention of media and audience.

The prevailing myth is that a common language with America gives Britain an advantage over its European neighbours. "More often," says Simon Perry, director of British Screen Finance, "it is a positive disadvantage." British films have rarely realised the persistent dream of breaking into the US market. "To the Americans," says Perry, "we are foreign film-makers and our films are regarded as foreign when it comes to distributing them in the US."

Out of the 400 films that earned more than $10 million in the American domestic market in the Eighties, only 15 were British. They included *Gandhi*, the James Bond films, *Chariots of Fire, A Fish Called Wanda, A Passage to India, The Killing Fields, Memphis Belle* and *A Room With a View*. Most were financed by the American majors.

To crush indigenous film industries is neither in the American plan nor is it in the American interest, however. The Hollywood companies have engaged in production in Britain: the result has been a slew of successes such as *A Fish Called Wanda, Shirley Valentine* and *Memphis Belle*.

"The American companies do not care where their hits come from," says Puttnam. "They are seeking good material. They are not there to stop it, they are there to embrace it. It is true that, having made the film, you are using American distribution and the revenue is going back. But if British independent producers made three or four hit movies for the American companies in a given year, I promise that the following year a new distribution mechanism would emerge which would take account of that and would enable them to recycle their funds. At my own company, Enigma, I recycle my money in that way."

In the view of Wilf Stevenson, director of the British Film Institute, however: "Of all industries, film has been least adaptable to local environment. The big oil companies are concerned to put something back in the places where they operate. American cinema has been slow to develop that – about being part of the local culture. But their attitude is not going to work in the Europe of the 1990s."

One of the proposals considered by the working party, set up after Mrs Thatcher's 1990 Downing Street seminar on the problems of British cinema, was legislation to oblige American distributors to reinvest some proportion of their British earnings in film production in this country. So far, this suggestion has met only hostility.

The very survival of British production in the future, however, will depend upon some such mercy from the Americans, or alternatively the ability to realise the hopes held out by the European cinema of 1992 and after. In the final article in this series I will be analysing the difficulties which face Britain as a prospective partner in the new European cinema.

BRIEFING

Life in Venice

BRITISH films may have made a poor numerical showing at Cannes this year, but they are staging a comeback at the Venice Film Festival, which begins on September 3. The roster of competition films includes Peter Greenaway's *Prospero's Books* and Derek Jarman's *Edward II* (based on Marlowe's play), plus the Anglo-French *Meeting Venus* from David Puttnam and director Istvan Szabo. Terry Gilliam's *The Fisher King*, a fantastical quest story, registers as an American entry, while John Boorman's *I Dreamt I Woke Up* is being screened outside competition. Another Italian festival, at Taormina, has just lavished its top award – the Golden Charybdis – on Mike Leigh's comedy *Life is Sweet*: the entire cast was awarded an acting prize.

Here's Henrik

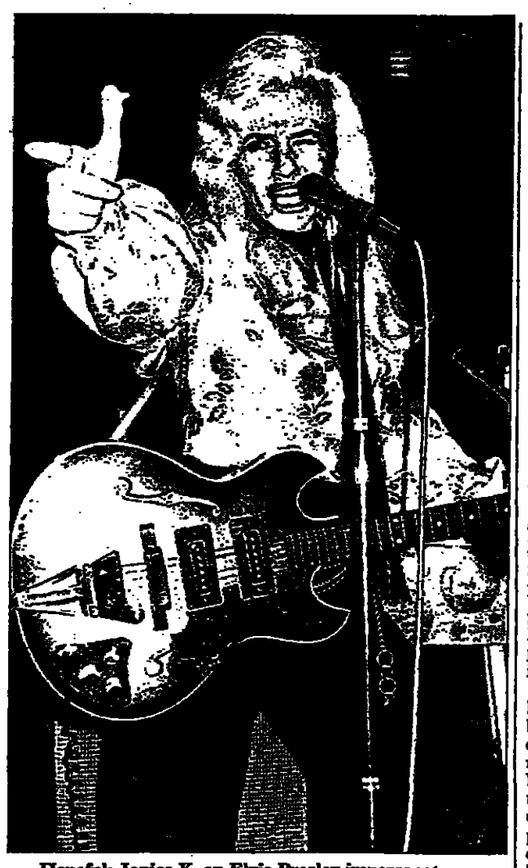
ONE of Ibsen's least-known plays, *Brand*, is transferring to the West End after a successful run at the Thorndike Theatre in Leatherhead, Surrey. This rarely-performed drama, which was written in 1865 as an epic poem, was the first major work by the Norwegian playwright and established his fame throughout Europe. *Brand*, directed by Roger Williams and starring Roy Marsden and Kim Thomson, is at the Aldwych Theatre from August 21.

Last chance...

WHETHER praised for its comforting adherence to tradition or blamed for its tentative updating (or vice-versa), the Royal Academy's Summer Exhibition (071-439 7438), now in its 223rd edition, has seemed unassailable. This year it has even resisted the downturn in art sales during the current recession, and has clocked up the usual high attendance figures. Some felt it a little less idiosyncratic than of yore; laggardly visitors have until Sunday to judge for themselves.

TELEVISION

King's men to their fingertips, warts and all



Hopeful: Janice K, an Elvis Presley impersonator

The four-year-old boy, dressed in a tiny, white and sparkling jump suit, curls his lip, stretches a finger towards the spotlight and snarls intermittently into a large microphone. We are guests at the annual Elvis Presley Impersonator Contest, where the grotesque sight of this be-quiffed child running the gamut of angular Elvis postures is a source of mass hysterical rapture. The quibble "But Elvis was bigger than that, surely?" is seemingly entertained by nobody in the crowd. Little Bruno's *hommage* is one of 80 on offer, and his extreme youth is certainly no more of a handicap than some of the other contestants' extreme lack of talent or aptitude.

Viva Elvis! (Channel 4 last night) was filmed last year, when Jonathan Ross visited Memphis, Tennessee, and it was compulsive viewing. Admittedly, one's enthusiasm for the four-score Elvis impersonators – including a Mexican ("El Vez"), a black man and a woman, Janice K – depended largely on one's individual tolerance for rhinestone hip-buckles and white flared trousers, but there is no denying that Elvis-worship neatly fills a hole in the social fabric of the American South. You might remember a recent film in the BBC 2 "Different Drummer" series, in which a gap-toothed, backwoods clog-dancer averred that his identity was split three ways: sometimes he was just himself, sometimes his dead father, and sometimes Elvis. While being Elvis he was calm and sensible.

> *'There is no denying that Elvis-worship neatly fills a hole in the social fabric of the American South'*

In Mississippi, then, we met two overweight men in frill-fronted shirts: Paul Macleod and his son Elvis Aron (the second name deliberately misspelled, just as The King's was, supposedly). Rather stiffly, they showed us around their house-cum-archive, pointing out its immense collection of Elvis records, cross-indexed copies of the *TV Guide* and newspaper cuttings (with headlines such as "Elvis Photo Cured My Cancer").

They gave the impression that this was a public utility, though strangely the phone never rang. But instead of thinking "What a crying-out-loud waste of time", you could not help but look at the two men's tiny little heads resting on their mountainous torsos and offer thanks to Elvis for providing them with such an engrossing indoor hobby.

Alternating between the impersonators and the collectors, *Viva Elvis!* never lost its sense of humour. After all, the Elvis freaks themselves are generally cheerful people, with the sort of loose grip on reality that endorses a happy, simple disposition.

A young Georgia woman, who has furnished a mobile home as "The Travelling Panoramic Encyclopedia of Everything Elvis", displayed a makeshift shrine to the unlikely trinity of Elvis, Christ and Einstein. Dressed in a customised frock (with a huge picture of Elvis on the skirt), she proudly showed us a test-tube containing human tissue, claiming that it was a wart, removed from Elvis's wrist in 1958. Good grief. In a box was a toenail clipping, which she had personally extricated from a Graceland shag-pile. How do people react when they see the shard of toenail? They are impressed, she said. Leastways, they always stare at it for a very long time.

Where *Viva Elvis!* succeeded best, however, was in reminding you of those 20-years-ago fashions that you had blissfully erased from your memory. The Elvis cult surely celebrates the worst clothes sense in the history of rock: the pear-shaped dark glasses, the flared jump suits and the sideburns. Watching the modern Elvis lookalikes backstage, struggling to spoon their large bodies into fantastical sequinned replicas of genuine Elvis costumes, it was possible for even the previously indifferent viewer suddenly to wish that Elvis had lived longer. If only you had lived, Elvis, you might have got yourself some decent clothes.

LYNNE TRUSS

RADIO

Strong meat and motorcycles

Radio 4's new "20th century heritage" series is reviewed by Martin Cropper

A female visitor to the Ideal Home exhibition confessed, "I've gotta noak kitchen, with modern appliances hidden." Her companion was of the same mind: "Older things look much more natural." Their interviewer, Sir Roy Strong, is very much an older thing, although few perhaps can ever have accused him of sporting a natural look. His new series Present Imperfect (Radio 4, Sunday) is a three-part consideration of "Britain's 20th-century heritage" – in other words, a *tour d'horizon* of aesthetic arguments which others have been rehearsing for years.

The format is admirably direct. After the token real people have had their say, Sir Roy simply aims his spot-listed moustache at an aesthetes' gallery of usual suspects (not, however, Robert Hewison, inventor of the phrase "the heritage industry".)

In order to persuade his listeners that he is just another bluff cove who has suddenly discovered the paradoxes of modern ancestor-worship, Sir Roy adopts a tone of perpetual midget surprise, like a mouse exercising its whiskers after prodigious slumber. Throughout the 1980s, we heard with less than amazement, a new museum opened every fortnight. There now exists a bottomless well of country-house punters who do not realise that the revered artefacts of the past two centuries were *originally innovative*. Next we will be told that "the past" is being faked.

The squeaky enthusiasm of his links, though laid on impasto in the studio, is noticeably absent from his exchanges with the Aslets, Bayleys and Binneys who are his peers. He is *faux-naif*, pretending to be making polite inquiries rather than entertaining a point of view.

It fell to Marcus Binney to remind him that the conservationist Save lobby was inspired by the interviewer's inaugural exhibition at the Victoria and Albert Museum in 1974; so Save's paternalistic policy of "telling ordinary people that they had a vital role to play in conservation" was a pat on his own back. Noak kitchens aside, Sir Roy wears his lightness learnedly.

No preservation order has yet been slapped on Radio 5, which intermittently networks documentaries undiscoverable elsewhere. Presented by the terminally blokeish Andy Kershaw, **The Fat Boy Means Business** (yesterday) was a diverting maverick on the subject of Harley-Davidson motorcycles, their devotees and clichés: "larger than life"; "a legend"; "an icon"; "a lifestyle" and "a classless vehicle".

It was surprising that the only direct salute to the machine from the wonderful world of pop is Brigitte Bardot's giggly "Je n'ai besoin de personne/O Harley-Davidson!" More shocking yet was the news that the cult-making hogs of *The Wild One* were in fact Triumphs. This could be interpreted as a betrayal of Brando loyalty.

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Court napping: does British justice need its break?

John Grigg questions the anomaly of the High Court's long vacation and a Parliament that closes for months at a time

Except for "certain kinds of urgent business", the High Court is now well into its long vacation, which lasts until the Michaelmas term starts on October 1. In many other courts, too, there will be less activity.

The High Court's idea of urgency may seem eccentric in view of the backlog of cases. In all centres of the Queen's Bench division, which handles important civil litigation, the average time last year between the setting-down of cases and their coming to trial was 40 weeks. A case is set down for trial when it has been fully prepared. The average period of preparation in the Queen's Bench division is 105.3 weeks. In the Chancery division, the process of bringing cases to trial is even slower, as any reader of *Bleak House* would expect.

The Crown courts, where criminal cases are heard, present a different picture. They work through the long holiday, and this no doubt helps to explain why the average 1990 waiting time for such cases, between setting-down and trial, was 12.1 weeks.

One criminal silk I know had a fortnight's holiday in June, but will be working right through the long vacation and, with only one week's further break, uninterruptedly until Christmas. He is an exception; the average criminal lawyer can hope to take at least a month of the long vacation. But in the Queen's Bench, the norm is nearer two months.

Of course, the length of legal holidays, in total a quarter of the whole year, is not the only cause of delay in the administration of justice. Another leading cause is the shortage of judges, particularly acute in England, where there are only 83 High Court judges. If it had as many *per capita* as Scotland and Northern Ireland, there would be more than 200.

In the English courts, a disproportionate amount of judicial work is now being done by senior barristers deputising for judges, which removes them temporarily from their tasks of advocacy, so contributing to the clogging of the system. The Lord Chief Justice recently complained about the government's failure to bring the judicial establishment up to an appropriate strength.

Even when a case has been set down, counsel on either side may have afterthoughts which lead to a request for postponement of the hearing. Moreover, even if lawyers were available during a holiday, the same might not be true of witnesses. The long summer holiday tends to coincide with the licensed absenteeism of parents with children of school age, practised by lawyers and laymen alike. But this coincidence is no longer quite so exact or logical as it used to be, because school summer holidays now start and end earlier than in the past. The month of September, still hallowed as a holiday month by the law, has ceased to be so hallowed by schools. Witnesses are now more likely than some lawyers to be available in September.

When every allowance has been made, the legal long holiday is a substantial anomaly. Lawyers are highly trained people, many of whom work long hours and live on their nerves. They need and deserve adequate holidays. But the needs of justice are paramount, and those needs — that it should be swift as well as sure — would be better served by a more flexible pattern of legal holidays, enabling *all* courts to be fully operational throughout the year.

The legal calendar largely reflects that of the High Court of Parliament, though the parliamentary calendar is now even more out-of-date and anomalous. Parliament's long vacation lasts until late October, and its other breaks are longer than the corresponding legal vacations. As a result, it sits for less than half the year, and for much the same number of days annually as before the first world war, despite the vast changes that have occurred since then.

Since then, the size, range and power of the government machine, which Parliament is supposed to monitor and control, has grown enormously. The departments of state, more numerous and far more populous than early in the century, are working *all the* time and impinging ever more upon people's lives, while the routine of the people's representatives, as a body, has remained essentially unchanged.

During the vacation, Whitehall continues to be a hive of industry while the Palace of Westminster is empty but for parties of tourists. A part-time Parliament is trying to keep tabs on a full-time government. And while Parliament is on holiday, events occur that vitally affect British interests. MPs claim to be just as busy when Parliament is not sitting as when it is, but however active they may be as individuals, whether in their constituencies or elsewhere, they are not collectively active as Parliament.

Like the High Court, the high court of Parliament should in principle remain in permanent session, and MPs' holidays should be arranged flexibly by means of the pairing system. One day, and the sooner the better, it will be as unthinkable for Parliament to close for the summer as for a hospital to do so.

The legacy of an unquiet grave

Frederick the Great's reburial opens a timely debate, argues **Daniel Johnson**

Germany is working itself up into one of its regular historico-political frenzies over the reburial next Saturday of the embalmed corpse of King Friedrich II of Prussia, known to us as Frederick the Great.

This is a tale to make the flesh creep. As the tide turned against Adolf Hitler, he became obsessed with the figure of *der alte Fritz*, who held out against an overwhelming coalition of enemies and ultimately triumphed. Hitler read and reread Carlyle's lurid biography of the Prussian king, and Nazi propagandists churned out films about his life.

In 1945, Frederick's remains were moved, on Hitler's orders, from the garrison church in Potsdam to a salt mine in Thuringia, where they would be safe from Russian desecration. During the 45 years of Germany's division, the remains were kept at the Hohenzollern family seat. Now Frederick is to be reburied at Sans Souci, his pleasure palace in Potsdam.

Chancellor Kohl, who would not miss the event for the world, has been accused by the Social Democratic opposition of indulging in militarism and damaging Germany's fragile image abroad. His attendance in a "private" capacity is being compared with the Bitburg affair in 1985, when he obliged Ronald Reagan to attend a war commemoration ceremony at a cemetery with graves of Waffen-SS men.

Herr Kohl's critics are talking through their hats. True, a guard of honour from the Bundeswehr, the latter-day successors of Frederick's Pomeranian grenadiers, will present arms as the coffin is lowered, but some of the poignancy of the occasion derives from the lack of continuity between the Prussian monarchy and modern Germany.

Germany has lost much of Frederick's territory, including both East and West Prussia, besides Silesia, the province for the sake of which he plunged Europe into years of wars. Instead of the centralised, absolutist administration with which Frederick sought to copy France, Germans now live in a federal republic, a pluralist model.

Whereas Frederick tried to make up for the poverty of his rural realm, in which serfdom had just been abolished, by aggressive use of Europe's first true conscript army, present-day Germany has commercial compensations for its dependency on others for defence. The principle of national self-determination, invoked by the Germans to justify last year's reunification, would have been anathema to Frederick, who spoke French and had only contempt for his countrymen.

There is nothing in common between the soldier king and the amiable bourgeois politicians who govern Germany today. An intellectual whose published works run to 30 volumes, Frederick stood head-and-shoulders above others, even in an age of enlightened monarchs. But he was also a bully: the great philosophers and scientists whom he summoned to his court, such as Voltaire and Euler, mostly fled in the end.

Accustomed to addressing his social inferiors in the third person, Frederick is a standing insult to the strenuous egalitarianism of the post-war Germans, and immensely attractive to those who complain of mealy-mouthed philistines and weak leadership. His indifference to religious and ethnic affiliations was genuinely progressive.

In the final years of the East German state under Erich Honecker, Prussia enjoyed something of a renaissance, both there and in the West. Frederick's reputation benefited from this rediscovery of the culture bequeathed by the *Junker*, the Prussian squire.

Now that specious comparisons between East German communism and Prussian absolutism have ceased to be fashionable, a reassessment is due. The true Frederick the Great needs to be exhumed by a younger generation of scholars. Carlyle defined Frederick's genius as "the transcendant capacity of taking trouble". His bones may have been briefly appropriated by Hitler, but his dissonant legacy belongs to the new Germany, whether it wants him or not.

Beyond the limit of licence

A truly obscene book is now on sale, writes **Moyra Bremner**

As a journalist I have always seen freedom of speech as the cornerstone of all our freedoms. Paradoxically, it is because I love freedom that I believe Arrow should rescind its recent publication of *Juliette* by the Marquis de Sade or be prosecuted under the Obscene Publications *Act, 1959*. Civilised society depends on competing freedoms being used responsibly — freedom to publish is no exception.

My objection is not to explicit sex. I sometimes enjoy erotica, but *Juliette* is not about sex as most people know it. Nor is it even about sado-masochism between consenting adults. The black-leather, naughty-fun image that surrounds de Sade is utterly misleading. The 2,500 victims of both sexes in *Juliette* are not consenting, most are under 16 and many under eight. This catalogue of atrocities belongs to the torture chamber not the bedroom: rapes split children open, pregnant women are disembowelled, babies cut to shreds, children flayed alive, eyes gouged out, boys castrated, parents forced to eat their children.

In this book, de Sade writes: "Mother nature's laws unambiguously state that the mighty [should] harm the feeble, since for what other purpose have their powers been invested in the mighty?" Even though the publishers knew that de Sade's philosophy inspired the Moors murderers Ian Brady and Myra Hindley, they have used these comments on the cover: "It is not necessary to take the Marquis seriously as a philosopher ... as some do ... to relish the imagination and talent that went into gilding the nuggets of naughtiness contained here" (*Playboy*). "The Marquis is a missionary. He has written a new religion. *Juliette* is one of the holy books" (*New York Times Book Review*).

Does all this justify trundling in the creaking tumbril of the Obscene Publications Act, or should lovers of freedom defend to the death de Sade's right not only to describe but to advocate violence, as he does, against women, children, the old, the sick and the handicapped? The answer depends, I believe, on what freedom we are talking about — and on what freedoms we most value. Here the question is not freedom of information, nor of a living author's right to be published. At stake is simply the public's freedom to read what it will, and a publisher's freedom to publish.



Not just erotica: the publishers of de Sade's works risk prosecution for inciting sexual violence

In practice, the public can only read what publishers offer. Those wishing to study de Sade can obtain American editions. So neither freedom of speech nor freedom to read would be infringed by removing this book and banning other editions. Equally, publishers are not completely free to publish whatever they wish. They are not free to publish *encitements to racial hatred, nor* can they legally issue a book which "tends to deprave and corrupt".

A volume more likely to deprave and corrupt than *Juliette* is hard to imagine, and the justification Ian Brady found in de Sade bears this out. However, Arrow say that he also used other, relatively innocuous books, and say that publishers are not responsible for how a book is used. Of course the Mothercare catalogue should not be banned because paedophiles are excited by it. But there is a difference between normal pictures or words being misused, and the publication of a book whose author *intended* to deprave and corrupt.

Some people who favour publication argue that on the one hand no normal person would be influenced by a book as sick and tedious as this, and on the other that perverts cannot be corrupted further. But the success of advertising in changing buying patterns suggests that the printed word *can* change what one does. This being so — and sexual desire often being more urgent than the craving for tobacco or lager — why should one suppose that a book's images have no effect on behaviour? The issue is not a simple one of cause and effect, however. Silk Cut posters have not made me take up smoking. I am not suggesting that by advocating and describing rape, de Sade can turn normal men into rapists, only that for some individuals, reading his work both heightens sexual tension and pushes back the frontiers of social taboos, converting potential into actual rapists, and rapists into torturers or killers.

De Sade both describes acts liable to excite such people and justifies every fantasy cherished by sex offenders and the violent. Juliette, for example, enjoys torturing, but she also seeks pain and degradation, miraculously recovering overnight from 200 lashes with a metal-tipped whip. Sex offenders often claim their victims really want their attacks and are not harmed by them.

Two experts on the treatment of sex offenders, Ray Wyre of the Gracewell Clinic in Birmingham and Dr Eileen Vizard, a pioneer in the treatment of child abusers, say that sex offenders typically refuse to accept that what they do is wrong and seize on any signs that suggest society secretly endorses their crimes. Both experts believe the appearance of this book in high street bookshops seems to give its atrocities a stamp of approval. This is my greatest objection to the publication.

I realise that calling for a prosecution may fan sales. I do so only on professional advice that public condemnation of this book is vital to counteract the publisher's apparent message to potential and established offenders that rape and violence are acceptable — even laudable — in our society. The deciding factor was the need to prevent Arrow publishing the sequel, *Justine*, next month.

I never thought I would want to see any book banned. *Juliette*, however, is a special case. I know of no other that depicts and advocates such atrocities, which has already influenced serial killers, and which is promoted with glorifying reviews. Even so it will be hard for the Crown Prosecution Service to prosecute unless enough people call for it. Yet if de Sade had advocated his atrocities against a racial group rather than against women and the vulnerable, no respectable publisher would have printed it.

At stake is not freedom of speech, but whether we should set the freedom of one publisher above the safety of women, children, the old and the vulnerable; it is whether we are a civilised society.

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...and moreover

Craig Brown

In one of the early films of the Singing Cowboy, he gallops into a town, guitar strapped to his back, sweat pouring from his brow. "They've burned my home, raped my wife, and they've run off with my kids" the Singing Cowboy gasps, "and now I'm gonna git 'em."

"Play us a song before ye go, friend," replies the leader of the townsfolk. Sure enough, the Singing Cowboy unstraps his guitar and launches into a tuneful ditty before climbing back on to his horse in hot pursuit.

Such devotion to the uplifting powers of song, so instinctive to Americans, so rare among the British, is nowhere more evident than when sifting through an atlas. Scan a map of Britain and you will find barely a town that has ever appeared in song. London, it must be said, has cropped up in one or two, ranging from the gloomy "Streets of London" to the even gloomier "Maybe it's because I'm a Londoner", but of all the other towns, I can think only of Scarborough ("Are you going to Scarborough Fair?"), and even then we never know if the person to whom it is addressed ever bothers to make the trip ("No, I'm not going to Scarborough Fair, I went last year and there's nothing to see"). The only Simon and Garfunkel song composed in England was about wishing that they were "Homeward Bound".

A map of America, on the other hand, reads like a songbook. Driving around the United States last week, I found myself treating every road sign as the first line of a lyric sheet, bursting into a fresh song around every corner. Eventually, my wife banned my spirited renditions of "Do you know the way to San José?", barking a "Stop it!" before I had completed even the first five "Whoa, Whoa, Whoa, Whoa, Whoa's", but there were plenty of other fine songs to fall back on, including "Those Blue Mountain Hills of West Virginia", "Twenty Four Hours from Tulsa", "Way Down Upon the Swanee River", "Let's Go to San Francisco" and "New York, New York".

Back in England, I find myself bereft of song. "York, York — so good they named it twice" doesn't have quite the same ring. "Twenty Four Hours from Taunton" also lacks something. It is hard to imagine any pop group making the charts with "Let's go to Weston-super-Mare", and if anyone succumbed to the suggestion:

If you're going to Weston-super-Mare
Be sure to wear some flowers in your hair
'cos if you're going to Weston-super-Mare
You're gonna meet some gentle people there,

there would be an immediate outcry among the townsfolk, followed by an emergency council meeting banning all flowers worn above the neck in public.

Why should America have grabbed all the mystique? Why should *On Grand Central Station I Sat Down and Wept* be so powerful a book title, beating *On Bristol Parkway Station I Sat Down and Wept* into a cocked hat? We are all happy to dance the Charleston, but why not the Bognor Regis or the West Wittering? Why "By the time I get to Phoenix" and not "By the time I get to Halifax"? Why "Georgia on my mind" and not "Guildford on my mind"?

I suspect it has something to do with the vast distances between places in America. Most American songs with place names in their titles are about being homesick. The singer wants to get home, and his yearning is spurred by the immense distance. So far, there is no song called "Hooray! Here I am in Phoenix", or "I'm standing in Tulsa and enjoying myself". To sing a Tulsa song, you must be in Phoenix, and to sing a Phoenix song, you must be in Tulsa.

In Britain, the distance between towns is so small as to preclude such desperate yearnings: it would be hard to inject much angst into "2½ hours from Taunton", and if Guildford really is on your mind, a day-trip should solve the problem.

All this is borne out by those few American songs written to celebrate the place you are in, rather than the place you wish you were. A list of the official anthems of each state makes dreary reading, with even the most melodic names deadened by communal joy: "All Hail to Massachusetts", "Oregon, my Oregon", "I Love You California", "Hail, South Dakota", "Our Delaware", and so on. Only St Louis can boast a truly powerful song written for those who find themselves stuck there, and that, of course, is a blues.

Letter in captivity

JUST how important is the letter John McCarthy handed to Javier Pérez de Cuéllar on Sunday? Historians are divided over whether the document, which is written in Arabic, will be of lasting significance.

They say the letter is not in the same league as the Munich agreement brandished by Chamberlain, which is now in the Imperial War Museum. But Dr Alan Borg, the museum's director-general, says: "If it turns out to be the key in unlocking the hostage crisis, then it will become a great historical document."

Sir Michael Howard, professor of military history at Yale University, disagrees. "I do not think it is helpful to draw analogies with other letters. That doesn't deepen one's understanding. But this letter is interesting: there is always a lot of iceberg under the water in such situations."

The Imperial War Museum is appalled at the prospect of the letter gathering dust in Pérez de Cuéllar's safe. "It would be a popular item, and would be displayed in its own case with a picture of McCarthy handing it to the secretary-general. It could join our Gulf war exhibition in a section on the peace dividend."

Would the letter fetch a fortune as Ronald Reagan's handwritten draft outlining his policy on El Salvador fetched $30,000, and the handwritten note that Mussolini waved from a Rome balcony in 1940, declaring war on Britain, was sold for £60,000 by Sotheby's?

Hans Fellner, an expert in books and manuscripts at Christie's, says: "We would love to sell it. If there is a general exchange of hostages it could become a highly valuable document, even though most people will not be able to read it."



Talking point

A HOPEFUL sign has emerged of better understanding between the Arabs and Israelis. Sheikh Abdul Karim Obeid, the Shia cleric seized by an Israeli commando squad two years ago, has become a star pupil of Hebrew during his captivity.

The sheikh is the Israelis' trump card in its moves to try to free their countrymen held in Lebanon, and *Le Monde* has speculated that he will soon be released. He is to Jerusalem what Terry Waite is to the Islamic kidnappers in Beirut. According to yesterday's *Yediot Ahronot*, an Israeli newspaper, Obeid can now converse and banter with his Israeli guards, who taught him the language.

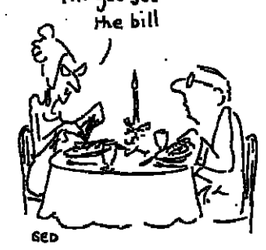
Is the timing of the story coincidental, or is it aimed at unsettling members of the Hezbollah in Southern Lebanon, Obeid's home?

● *The situations vacant page in* Ariel, *the BBC staff magazine, carries an advertisement spelling out the corporation's commitment to equal opportunities irrespective of race, creed, colour, marital status, gender, sexuality, age and disability. But an advertisement for a producer on Greater London Radio issues the warning: "No jocks, no hacks." There is an explanation. "We don't mean Scots. We mean disc jockeys." says a helpful producer. But what about hacks?*

Not in the bag

THE answer was "yes" at the Ritz, Claridges and Wilton's in St James's, but "no" at the Connaught and the Ivy. No grouse for dinner, that is. The Connaught remains aloof from the race to be the first to dish up the tiny bird, game-chips and all, on the Glorious *Twelfth*. "We do not enter into the excitement of the day," says the hotel. "I am not sure when we'll be serving it."

Claridges expected to start serving it at 7pm yesterday, while at the Ritz only a limited number were expected. "It is on the menu from 8pm, but it is advisable to



book. We have had one call so far." That may have something to do with the cost: £30 a bird.

Nigel Davis, the Ivy's chef, also refrained from joining in the fray to bag the first ones. "The quality tends not to be good on the Twelfth," he said. "The suppliers concentrate on getting a bird, rather than getting a good one."

Pact off

WHILE Dr Owen may still be hoping for a cabinet job under John Major, one of his most loyal SDP allies, John Cartwright, does not share the former foreign secretary's apparent enthusiasm for a deal with the Tories. Even though Cartwright, MP for Woolwich since 1974, knows Labour is well-placed to overturn his 2,000 majority, his "gut instincts" are against an electoral pact.

Interviewed for *Cherwell*, the Oxford University magazine, he says: "I would find it difficult to stomach the idea of working with the Tories. I have fought them since the age of 11 in the 1945 general election. My constituents have done very badly out of this government."

His former boss does not seem to share his distaste, but Cartwright says this is because Owen cannot come to terms with being a humble backbencher. "I think after being foreign secretary so early in your career, you do not really enjoy being a backbencher."

On a dutiful note

TALK about dedication to duty. Frank Dunlop, in his eighth and final year as director of the Edinburgh Festival, has been ordered by his doctor to take a premature curtain call. He is said to be mentally and physically exhausted after a bout of flu, which exacerbated a back injury.

In the best theatrical tradition Dunlop has decided the show must go on. Last night he attended the opera *Khovanshchina*, by Mussorgsky, which runs for more than four hours. Suitable arrangements were made at the Edinburgh Playhouse — Dunlop lay in a bed in one of the theatre's boxes.

● *Bohemia will meet the establishment when nine boys from Eton star in their own play on the Edinburgh Fringe. Not that many Eton beaks are likely to be in the audience for* Geometry, *by Stephen Brown, who left the school this summer. The play is hardly an advertisement for budding mathematicians. It is more to do with black magic than Pythagoras. Brown says: "The play was thought too disturbing to produce at Eton."*

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FREEING ALL PRISONERS

There are not just ten "hostages" left in the Middle East whose freedom the UN secretary general is seeking in Geneva. There are ten Western nationals missing, presumed imprisoned in Beirut, among many others. There are seven missing Israelis, an unknown number of Lebanese and Palestinians held in Israeli and South Lebanese Army camps, and other Lebanese held by the various tribal factions inside Lebanon. Some of these are soldiers captured during military operations. Some are members of paramilitary organisations. Some are merely civilian victims of the age-old cycle of vendetta, kidnap and revenge in a land where life-expectancy often has little regard for guilt or innocence and where no rules of war or Geneva Conventions apply.

As what the West terms the "hostage crisis" reaches perhaps its most delicate phase, outsiders should be meticulously careful in their responses. Nothing has angered many in the Middle East since this saga began in the mid-1980s so much as the almost exclusively European and American obsession with the handful of victims of "western" origin, an obsession that has seemed to border on racism.

The recent intense interest in the release of John McCarthy and two fellow prisoners may have been understandable. Private individuals caught up in a conflict and thrust unwittingly onto the world stage have a fascination. But Westerners knew they took a calculated risk being in Beirut when the seizing of hostages was common. They endangered those, such as Terry Waite, whose mission it would be to rescue them. These risk-takers suffered for their failed gamble. Local people taken hostage had no such choices.

Public opinion in the West feels sympathy for any Westerners incarcerated for so long and with so uncertain a fate. Their innocence may be no different from that of others held in the same place and in similar circumstances. But they were foreigners captured for their bargaining value in a grim trade, their governments refusing to pay the ransoms that helped shamefully to release some fellow Westerners imprisoned alongside them. Their supporters naturally wanted publicity for their cause, even when this publicity might have seemed partial and when it amounted to a tacit form of ransom paid to the kidnappers.

All this gave the Westerners' plight a special poignancy. But now attention is rightly extending beyond the remaining ten Westerners to Israelis held in Lebanon and to Lebanese and Palestinians held in Israel and Israeli-held territory. Israel has been annoyed that its attempts to extricate its soldiers have not met with international sympathy, just as the various Lebanese factions have been bitter that Washington's fixation with its own nationals should have led it to an apparent tolerance of Israel's seizure of numerous Arab hostages as bargaining counters.

Western politicians and media, who took such interest in one group of Beirut hostages, can hardly now hector Middle East leaders to show broadmindedness and a spirit of compromise simply to get the remaining Westerners freed. Of course the chance to defuse the menace of retaliatory kidnapping should be taken. Of course any deal will require a careful judgment of how much to concede, and when and where. Of course it would be useful for the United Nations to be the broker of such a deal. But this is a vicious theatre of conflict in which the niceties of international diplomacy have little place.

Britons should not be smug in lecturing Israelis or Arabs on this subject. In Northern Ireland, tribal rivalry and tit-for-tat revenge is conducted in the form of regular murder rather than mutual hostage-taking. The British government has found no answer to this, yet the Foreign Office still peddles its bromides round the eastern rim of the Mediterranean, as if Balfour or Bevin still ruled the high seas.

There are two sorts of understanding called for over hostages in the Middle East at present. The first is by each side towards the other's intense feeling of territorial insecurity. The second is by Western observers and politicians whose intervention so often exacerbates local rivalries and entrenches local extremism.

WRONGS AND RIGHTS OF WAY

If next Sunday enjoys average summer weather, about 18 million people will visit the countryside. Those who decide on a modest two-mile potter following footpaths will have a seven-in-ten chance of having to wade waist-high through a field of wheat or (less likely in August) to stumble stickily through a ploughed furrow, their boots weighed down with mud. The Ramblers' Association yesterday said it would use the courts to flatten these obstructions to rights of way. The time for tough action, it claims, has arrived.

Exactly a year ago the Rights of Way Act came into force. Farmers who plough up a path have to make it good within 14 days. Any damage done by harrowing or harvesting must be repaired within 24 hours. Even if a path bisects a field of crops, it has to be kept at least a metre wide. If farmers ignore these rules, the new act allows local authorities to do the work themselves and send the landowner the bill. But according to the association's president, Chris Hall, the local authorities' response has been "patchy and downright feeble".

In an ideal world, local councils would protect the footpaths for which they are responsible. In a less than ideal world, they hesitate. For the task of arbitrating between public and private interest over rights of way is not easy. Farmers who want to divert a footpath — perhaps to move it from across a field to its edge — have to go through a cumbersome process of persuading the local authority that their reasons are good. If convinced, the authority makes an order, to which objection can be raised. Substantial opposition will trigger a local enquiry.

In the battle between farmer and rambler, both tend to feel that local councils are on the opposing side. Farmers see them as too afraid of objections to make the order, ramblers as in the pockets of local farmers. Not since the mass trespass on Kinder Scout in 1932, when riots broke out as police and gamekeepers tried to block the ramblers' way, have tempers run so high.

Landowners see ramblers as resisting any diversion to traditional paths, irrespective of convenience to either side. Ramblers see farmers as rapacious and vindictive, more concerned with cash than with the hallowed rights of way. All this when about 80 per cent of diversions go through unopposed, and objections, when made, are more likely to come from residents than organised groups.

Only when the stereotypes are broken down and the two sides begin to understand each other's difficulties is the clash of interests likely to be resolved. More enlightened local authorities now use liaison committees peopled by both ramblers and farmers to look at possible diversions before an order is made. Conciliation is often achieved peacefully. More to the point, landowners are starting to look at alternative uses for their land and are seeing visitors as an exploitable source of income, to be welcomed not deterred by barbed wire and impassable pathways.

What walker could resist the cool soft drink on sale in the farmyard through which a footpath runs? Or the guide to wild flowers and butterflies that flourish in the farmer's set-aside meadows? Home-made cheese and honey could lure the rambler with room in his pack. There are perhaps other, private, routes for which charges could be levied (as now is to be the case on some of Britain's motorways). What the stately homeowner knows already, the owner of the landscape might realise tomorrow. The swords of ramblers' battles past could yet be turned into ploughman's lunches.

TOURING THE GULAG

The immortal phrase "today is Tuesday so this must be Brussels", uttered climbing off a coach with camera at the waist, sums up the confusion of the tourist and the irritation of the local. But one coach-park looks much like another, and how else is the hapless visitor to know this is not Bruges? Superior passers-by should ask, not why the stranger failed to recognise their beloved city at a glance but how did he know it was Tuesday?

This emotional gulf between the visitor and the visited becomes acute when the object of one person's casual curiosity is the source of another's deep sensitivity. This summer, American tourists have started arriving at Magadan in Siberia, at the centre of the "Gulag" camp network established by Stalin. There they can see the thin scraps of other's lives which witness to the inmates' precarious or tenacious survival. Magadan is a memorial to the Kolyma gold-fields, where over three million perished and countless more suffered hunger, cold, exhaustion and disease.

It matters much less that Americans should visit the Gulag than that Soviet citizens should, so that the final rewriting of Soviet history — to which Magadan is testimony — is the truthful and irreversible one. The world must keep alive the memory of its disgraces as much as of its triumphs, not only to indict past rulers but to record for ever what ordinary people were capable of doing to ordinary people, and therefore are capable of doing again. There can be no giving in to the temptation to make use of the land on which Nazi concentration camps and slave factories were built. Nor can these horrors be reduced to the dimensions of a holiday snap, as if Aunt Ada peering into a prison hut or gas chamber might entertain the family back home.

But tourists are not usually so heartless, and can still tell place from place, if not day from day. The tourist parties which visit such centres of infamy as Auschwitz leave with penitence and outrage, which is why tourists ought to go there. Morbid curiosity may have been the motive for some as they set out, but does not survive the experience.

Not all tourism has to be frivolous, therefore, and in the right time and place merges into instruction and pilgrimage. Medieval pilgrims to the shrines of St Thomas at Canterbury and St James at Compostela, for all the piety of their purposes, travelled with the cheerful spirit of the modern tourist. Crossing the boundary between the mindset of the tourist and that of the pilgrim preoccupies the curators of all the visited cathedrals of Europe. In the right atmosphere — even if the candles are electric and the choir music canned — many a tourist's soul has been touched.

Beauty has its own magnetism. Inhumanity does too. But the passage of time should not place the tourist at too cosy a distance, as if Auschwitz and Magadan were merely another London chamber of horrors: "It wasn't *us*", mankind alive today, who tortured and murdered these victims, but aliens from a planet called The Past. Putting mankind's recent inhumanity on the tourist map flatly disproves this dishonest alibi.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Elephant values, alive and dead

From Mr Dave Currey

Sir, Your article entitled "Agony and ivory" (Saturday Review, August 3) makes brief mention of, but fails to examine, the fundamental contradiction in the arguments put forward by both South Africa and Zimbabwe in justifying the culling of elephants.

It is this: in order to ensure good elephant-viewing in the parks, artificial watering holes are created close to the roads used by tourists, who cannot be allowed to wander at random in national parks (this is not just because, as your article points out, they might be offended by the killing, but for other management reasons).

The large numbers of elephants which then use these watering holes modify the surrounding vegetation, thus making it "far less attractive", according to your article (has anybody asked the tourists?). Zimbabwe and South Africa thus conclude that the elephants are destroying the parks' vegetation, and that for this reason they have to be culled.

This is not "good management". This is over-management, and a very convoluted way of justifying the killing of thousands of elephants. If tourists were aware that past and future culls were designed to "protect" them from elephant-modified vegetation, Zimbabwe's fears of being shunned by tourists would be quite justified.

The ivory ban has been a remarkable success across most of Africa, and conservationists are becoming a little weary of the traditional Zimbabwean line about the ban taking a much-needed income away from poor Africans. This is a cruel and exploitative argument since it remains true that, for all Zimbabwe's ideas about the distribution of its wildlife revenue, the African at village level is still losing out.

Money from culling has always gone straight into the central treasury, just as money from poached ivory goes straight into the hands of the rich "ivory barons". The vast majority of Africans at village level have never benefited from the ivory trade.

This year has been designated The Year of African Tourism. Let us hope that Zimbabwe will begin to spend more of its resources on improving its tourist infrastructure and on attracting overseas visitors, in the knowledge that its elephants are worth far more to the country alive than dead.

Yours faithfully,
DAVE CURREY
(Executive Director),
Environmental Investigation Agency Ltd.,
208-9 Upper Street, N1.
August 6.

Media and McCarthy

From Mr Peter Gordon

Sir, There is a certain irony in the fact that John McCarthy, who is, or was, a member of the media circus, has been forced to take refuge in a well guarded military establishment, in order to escape the attentions of his erstwhile colleagues.

Yours faithfully,
P. GORDON,
The Coach House,
62a Christchurch Road,
Bournemouth,
Dorset.
August 9.

From Miss Emma Foxall

Sir, Over the last couple of days my faith in the British media has been restored. The main headlines on both the visual and written sides have carried a joyous and positive story of John McCarthy's release, after a long dearth of reported good news. It is gratifying to see the media showing its decent aspect.

Yours faithfully,
E. FOXALL,
Dayspring,
Shady Lane,
Bromley Cross,
Bolton,
Lancashire.
August 9.

Motorway planning

From Dr Gerald Michael

Sir, When the M25 motorway was completed in 1986 it was clear at once that it was not going to work properly. As Britain's newest motorway it was rather an embarrassment and there was some suggestion that a public enquiry was needed to determine what had gone wrong in the hope of preventing a recurrence.

There was no enquiry and the M40 extension was planned and recently opened. This used to be a quiet motorway leading to Oxford, mostly three lanes each way except between two junctions where there were only two. Since the road was extended to Birmingham, the traffic has increased so much that the two-lane part could not cope and has had to be widened.

It is because the work was not started until the extension had been completed and opened, as well as the works at the beginning, that you have found it necessary each morning to report that this road is another holiday black-spot.

This debacle, coming so soon after the previous one, does surely demonstrate that a public enquiry is necessary to raise the standards of planning of our motorways.

Yours faithfully,
GERALD MICHAEL,
23 Tretawn Park, NW7.

Funding a wider stage for youth

From the Artistic Director of the National Youth Theatre

Sir, I am sorry that Donald King (August 3) thinks I am "contemptuous" of the taxpayer because I am unhappy with the Arts Council grant of £5,000 for the National Youth Theatre. My contempt is not for the taxpayer but for some of those responsible for the distribution of that money and, particularly, the decision to allot only £75,000 for 11 national youth arts organisations out of a total Treasury allocation approaching £200 million of taxpayers' money.

On the Arts page of the same issue of *The Times*, Simon Tait ("Is parsimony the best way to treat prodigy?") asks whether Britain invests sufficiently in its youth ensembles, pointing out that the National Youth Orchestra and British Youth Opera will receive the same sum from the Arts Council as the NYT, and referring to an open letter of complaint which Bryan Forbes, Sir Ian McKellen (NYT president and vice-president) and I sent to the council's chairman.

In that letter we also referred to the international work of the NYT and the value of this to the image of Britain abroad. The NYT, for instance, have recently scored an enormous success at Moscow Art Theatre, and last year took a production of Lorca to Spain, winning accolades there from both press and academics.

I am sure I don't have to remind your readers what other reputation British young people have in countries like Spain.

Yours faithfully,
EDWARD WILSON,
Artistic Director,
National Youth Theatre of Great Britain,
443/445 Holloway Road, N7.

From Mr Paul Blackman

Sir, Simon Tait rightly highlights the totally inadequate response of the Arts Council to the needs of the National Youth Theatre and similar arts organisations. How such apparently inexplicable decisions are made becomes a little clearer when one reads remarks attributed to Roger Hill, a former member of the Arts Council's education committee, claiming that the NYT is "hardly at the cutting edge of new theatre" and "mainly metropolitan".

That the NYT gathers its members from every corner of the UK and that it has recently toured both the west country and the north-east of Scotland are attestable matters of fact; and anybody who saw its extraordinary version of *Coriolanus* at The Tramway, Glasgow, last year will know just how vital it is that the NYT's ability to produce work of that nature is maintained. The audience for such an event truly found themselves at the "cutting edge" of British theatre.

I remain, etc., yours faithfully,
PAUL BLACKMAN
(Artistic Director),
Battersea Arts Centre,
Old Town Hall,
Lavender Hill, SW11.

From the Executive Chairman of British Youth Opera

Sir, We, too, are well aware that public funding of the national youth companies is parsimonious. British Youth Opera, starting with no resources in 1987, has raised £350,000 from box office earnings, grants, donations, fundraising and sponsorship. The Arts Council has contributed £8,000 to that sum (including the proposed grant of £5,000) and other public funds have provided £10,000.

British Youth Opera will continue to raise the bulk of its income from private sources. But, given the many millions of pounds which the Arts Council rightly gives to the national opera companies, it could surely provide a somewhat larger grant to an organisation which has already seen former members become principals with the Royal Opera, English National Opera, Opera North and Scottish Opera.

Yours sincerely,
DENIS COE,
Executive Chairman,
British Youth Opera,
South Bank Polytechnic,
58 Clapham Common North Side,
London SW4.

Creative talent

From Mr K. A. Yeomans

Sir, In the reports on the World Congress on Gifted and Talented Children (John O'Leary, August 3, 5) there seems to be no hint of any concern among those taking part for one rather important factor. Stagnation of any culture is only to be avoided by *creative* talent which — as exposed by Professor J. P. G. Guilford in a presidential address in 1950 to the American Psychological Society — is an ability that is not included in the intellectual qualities that are assessed by the conventional IQ test.

Such tests, as observed by Sir Cyril Burt in 1962, serve "as the cheapest, most practicable and most easily standardised means of estimating a 'child's educable capacity'". Professors J. W. Getzels and P. W. Jackson showed, also in 1962, that the success of the high-IQ child relates dominantly to conformity with the projected values of parents and teachers.

To give educational preferences to those gifted by high IQ rating is of doubtful national advantage. Providing for and nurturing those of more moderate IQ but gifted with creative independence of thoughts and relationships can contribute to originality and understanding in society. It can also aid the technology of our industries — of prime importance to our longer-term future.

Yours faithfully,
K. A. YEOMANS,
306 Uxbridge Road,
Rickmansworth, Hertfordshire.
August 5.

Reporting rebellion

From Dr Pieter van der Merwe

Sir, The papers of the fourth Earl of Sandwich now on display at the National Maritime Museum (Diary, August 10) contain some emotionally charged souvenirs of the War of American Independence, during which he was First Lord of the Admiralty.

One of the most evocative is a brief note to him from Admiral Shuldham, at anchor off Staten Island, on July 10, 1776. It encloses a copy of the declaration of July 4, transcribed from the first printed version to come into official hands at New York the previous day: "and is", opines Shuldham, "perhaps the first authentick confirmation of what has been so long suspected, the Establishment of Independence in America".

Sandwich did not note the date of receipt on it but since it can only have come by sea and Shuldham (as naval commander in America) would have been the man to send it, this may well be the first official copy to reach England. Shuldham may, of course, have sent duplicates by the same dispatch.

Yours sincerely,
PIETER van der MERWE,
National Maritime Museum,
Greenwich, SE10.
August 11.

Medical advances

From Mr Geoffrey Plowman

Sir, My delight at reading your medical correspondent's report ("Transplant hope for diabetics", August 6) is slightly tinged with envy: I wish the same advances had been made for epilepsy.

Over 50 years ago when a diabetic colleague and I, an epileptic, applied for work at the labour exchange, we were both told that if we wanted work we would have to conceal our handicaps.

Sadly for epileptics (unlike diabetics) secrecy is still too often the order of the day.

Yours faithfully,
GEOFFREY PLOWMAN,
52 Felstead Road,
Orpington, Kent.
August 6.

Protecting wild places

From Mr Ross Urquhart

Sir, Mr Alan Morriss is unfair to ramblers in his letter (August 6) about damage done by walkers to Ashdown Forest. In East Sussex, which includes the forest, a dozen work teams from Ramblers' Association groups and from walking clubs affiliated to the RA (I am its honorary footpath secretary in East Sussex) who actively contribute to the maintenance of public footpaths. This pattern is repeated up and down the country.

Yours faithfully,
ROSS URQUHART,
Rock Farm,
Pottens Mill Lane,
Broadoak,
Heathfield, East Sussex.
August 7.

Magistrates' clerks

From Dr Penny Darbyshire

Sir, Patrick Stevens (Brief, Law Times, July 30) claims that magistrates' clerks have to be legally qualified. Most readers would assume this means a barrister or solicitor. While it is true that the boss at each court, the "justices' clerk" in the provinces or the "chief clerk" in inner London, has to be professionally qualified, this is not true of his or her court clerks.

Different rules dictate that they may qualify by being law graduates, by holding a specialist diploma in magisterial law or by having served for five years as a court clerk before 1980.

Neither the Home Office nor the clerks keep records of the national pattern of court clerks' qualifications but the last time a survey was made, in 1985, it revealed that only 28 per cent of court clerks were professionally qualified and about a half were diploma holders, most of the rest being unqualified.

Since then, the situation has probably deteriorated massively, as professionally qualified court clerks left the magisterial service in droves to join the better paid Crown Prosecution Service, leaving some courts in a well publicised state of crisis in the 1980s.

Since magistrates deal with about 95 per cent of criminal cases from start to finish, I think the least the public has a right to expect is that a lay bench will be advised by a lawyer, as most people, including lawyers, wrongly assume to be the case.

Yours faithfully,
PENNY DARBYSHIRE,
Kingston Polytechnic,
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Kingston Hill,
Kingston-upon-Thames, Surrey.

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Testing time for slow cricketers

From Mr Peter Beazley, MEP for Bedfordshire South (European Democrat (Conservative))

Sir, Well done England and especially hurrah for Phil Tufnell with his six wickets for 25 runs! May his effort spell the rebirth of the skill and art in bowlers after the dominance of bone-breaking pace. Let batsmen dress again like cricketers instead of like medieval knights in heavy armour.

As my *Wisden Cricketers' Almanac 1952*, pp 98-9, said, referring to the 1951-2 West Indies tour in Australia, when the West Indies were described as having been "bounced out of the Tests" by the Australian pace men:

The suggestion by Australia in 1933 might well be the answer. It read: "Any ball delivered which in the opinion of the umpire at the bowler's end is bowled at the batsman with the intention to intimidate or injure him shall be considered unfair and 'no ball' shall be called".

In any case, whilst "super fast" bowling, which today permits bouncers to be aimed at the batsman, may thrill the spectators, the art of slow bowling demands the full participation of all the fielders and especially of the wicketkeeper.

Yours hopefully,
PETER BEAZLEY,
14 The Combe,
Ratton,
Eastbourne, East Sussex.

From Mr E. S. Harvey

Sir, Why do the authorities tolerate the present very slow over rate in Test matches?

It used to be that the spectators saw 120 overs a day. Now 90 overs are considered acceptable, and we often only get 90 when the light permits play to continue well after 6pm.

Slow play includes unplayable and intimidating bouncers, too much time spent changing ends between overs, bowlers dawdling as they return to their marks and continual changes of field placings. These factors combine to deprive paying spectators of a fair day's play for a large entrance charge.

It is about time action was taken to increase the over rate, to reduce intimidation and to produce more positive cricket.

Yours sincerely,
E. S. HARVEY,
1 Crown Place,
Kentish Town Road, NW5.

Legal aid at risk

From Mr Christopher Green and others

Sir, Although cases in the magistrates' courts have increased in length, the Legal Aid Board has suggested in its recent report to the Lord Chancellor that "there is not, on the face of it, *any valid reason* (our italics) for more time to be spent" on them. On the contrary, the board proposes that, in future, its staff should "be looking very carefully" at solicitors' claims for costs. One of the effects will be to "reduce the speed" with which bills are assessed and paid.

Meanwhile, the current wisdom at the crown courts is for any substantial legal aid claim to be assessed by a central taxation unit in substitution for local assessment. Again, the effect is that payment is delayed for month upon month.

Commonly, when the waiting is done, the payment eventually made to the criminal lawyer in legal-aid cases is reduced below the level of claim, sometimes savagely.

Legal aid remains the lifeblood of criminal litigation; most defendants depend upon it and yet lawyers are driven increasingly to withdraw from the scheme for fear of bankruptcy.

Just as there is public concern as to the National Health Service, so one must ask, "is the legal aid system safe in the government's hands?"

Yours faithfully,
CHRISTOPHER GREEN,
MARK HASLAM,
RICHARD HALLAM,
Claude, Hornby & Cox (solicitors),
35/36 Great Marlborough Street, W1.
August 2.

Modern reading

From Mr Mark Sanderson

Sir, In response to Ms Allen's letter (August 5) inviting us to nominate three novels which will update her Russian friend's knowledge of life in Britain, may I suggest:

1. *London Fields* by Martin Amis — a tale of apocalypse now, set in a capital choking to death on its own pollution and population; H. G. Wells would have approved.

2. (Like Mr R. J. Post, August 10) *Nice Work* by David Lodge — Mrs Gaskell, updated to the 1980s, a heavily plotted story of inner-city decay and academic deconstruction, contrasted with suburban splendour and success in the City.

3. *Paradise Postponed* by John Mortimer — "1984" in rural England, examining the rise of Thatcherism and showing how the new Jerusalem turns out to be very much like the old.

A trolleyfull of doom and gloom, perhaps, but each one is a joy to read.

Yours faithfully,
MARK SANDERSON,
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August 10.

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COURT CIRCULAR

HMY BRITANNIA

August 12: The Queen disembarked from HMY Britannia this morning at Fort William and was received on arrival by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Inverness (Lieutenant-Commander Lachlan Mackintosh of Mackintosh).

Her Majesty visited the West Highland Museum (Sir Donald Cameron of Lochiel, President) and viewed a number of youth activities on the Parade.

The Duke of Edinburgh later arrived in Fort William and joined The Queen at an exhibition of local industries in the An Aird Pavilion, where Her Majesty unveiled a commemorative plaque.

The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh subsequently honoured the Chairman of the Lochaber District Council (Councillor Donald MacFarlane) with their presence at lunch in the Inverlochy Castle Hotel.

In the afternoon, Her Majesty and His Royal Highness visited the Nevis Range Gondola Station at Torlundy and The Queen later named the Isle of Scilly Steamship Company ferryboat Lyonesse Lady at Corpach Locks.

The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh afterwards returned to the Royal Yacht.

Mrs John Dugdale, the Lord Strathclyde, Sir Kenneth Scott, Mr Charles Anson and Wing Commander David Walker, RAF, were in attendance.

Birthdays today

Miss Sheila Armstrong, soprano, 49; Air Chief Marshal Sir Michael Beavis, 62; M Jean Borotra, tennis player, 93; Sir John Bunting, civil servant, 73; Marquess Camden, 61; Dr Fidel Castro, President of Cuba, 64; Mr Roy Evans, trades unionist, 60; Miss Marie Helvin, model, 39; Mr Ben Hogan, golfer, 79; Mr R.D. Jackman, cricketer, 46; Mr C.A. Lyons, trades unionist, 62; Sir John Milne, former chairman, Blue Circle Industries, 67; Lord Oram, 78; Sir James Richards, architectural historian, 84; Lord Sainsbury, 89; Dr Frederick Sanger, OM, CH, biochemist, 73; Mr George Shearing, pianist, 71; Air Chief Marshal Sir Denis Smallwood, 73.

Marriages

Sir Vivian Fuchs and Mrs E. Honnywill

The marriage took place on August 8, between Sir Vivian Fuchs, of 106 Barton Road, Cambridge, and Mrs Eleanor Honnywill, of 55 Hans Place, London.

Mr K.J. Lindblom and Miss F.M. Jackson

The marriage took place on August 2, 1991, at St Clement Danes, Strand, of Keith, elder son of Mr and Mrs J.E. Lindblom, and Fiona, only daughter of Mr H.G. and Mrs R.J. Jackson. The Rev A.T.R. Goode officiated.

The bride was given in marriage by her father and was attended by Kate Newton, Nicola Le Guilcher, Emily Milner and Louise Milner. Mr Peter Village was best man.

The reception was held at The Savoy and the honeymoon is being spent abroad.

Mr R.J. Suff and Miss J. Lennard

The marriage took place on July 27, at Christ Church, Gravesend, between Mr Robert J. Suff, elder son of Mr and Mrs Charles Suff, of Swansea, and Miss Jane Lennard, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Ben Lennard, of Gravesend.

University news

Lancaster

Appointments and Promotions

Dr R. Deem, senior lecturer in education at the Open University, and Dr G.J. McCullough, senior lecturer in education at the University of Auckland, have been appointed professors of educational research.

Dr D.R. Sapsford, senior lecturer in economics at the University of East Anglia, becomes professor in the department of economics.

Dr J.A. Hughes, reader in the department of sociology, has been awarded a personal chair in sociological analysis.

Dr J.M. MacKenzie, senior lecturer in the department of history, has been awarded a personal chair in imperial history.

Dr P.V.E. McClintock, reader in the department of physics, has been awarded a personal chair in physics.

Stirling

The university is to award the following honorary degrees in the current academic session:

Doctor of the University

John Houghton, chief executive, Meteorological Office; Les Murray, poet; Professor Kenneth Calman, chief medical officer, Department of Health; Lord Macfarlane, chairman and managing director, Macfarlane Group (Clansman); Professor Anthony Atkinson, economist, LSE; Dr Jean Balfour, partner/owner, Balbirnie Home Farms; Angus Mitchell, chairman, University Court, Stirling; Gus Macdonald, director of programmes, Scottish Television; Michael Tremblay, Quebecois writer.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: James Gillray, caricaturist, London, 1756; Adelaide, queen consort of William IV, 1792; Sir George Grove, engineer and editor of the music dictionary bearing his name, London, 1820; John Nicholson Ireland, composer, Bowdon, Cheshire, 1879; John Logie Baird, pioneer of television, Helensburgh, Strathclyde, 1888; Felix Wankel, engineer, Lahr, Germany, 1902.

DEATHS: Jeremy Taylor, divine, Lisburn, Antrim, 1667; René Laennec, physician, Kerlouanec, France, 1826; Eugène Delacroix, painter, Paris, 1863; Sir John Millais, Bt, president of the Royal Academy 1896, London, 1896; Florence Nightingale, London, 1910; Ira David Sankey, evangelist, 1910; Jules Massenet, composer, Paris, 1912; H.G. Wells, writer, London, 1946.

Cape Colony ceded to Britain, 1814.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr G.R. Browne and Miss C.A. Byatt

The engagement is announced between Giles, younger son of Peter Browne and the late Joanna Ryle, and Christine, younger daughter of Philip and Mollie Byatt, of Chippenham, Wiltshire.

Mr T.G. Glasse and Mrs H.V. Redman

The engagement is announced between Graham Glasse, of Wickham Market, Suffolk, and Victoria (Tia) Redman, of Kersey, Suffolk.

Mr R.I.A. Gower and Miss G.C. Fursman

The engagement is announced between Richard, younger son of Captain J.R. Gower, DSC, RN, and Mrs Gower, of Trabboch House, Mauchline, and Gail, elder daughter of Wing-Commander R.J. Fursman DFC, of Allt Na Cardoch, Aviemore.

Mr T.R. King and Miss E. Ho

The engagement is announced between Timothy, son of Colonel and Mrs R. de L. King, of Berries Maple Cottage, Smarden, Kent, and Elsa, daughter of the late Mr P.H. Ho and of Mrs Ho, of Taipei. The marriage will take place in October in Taiwan.

Captain N.W.K. Macready and Dr L. Masson

The engagement is announced between Captain Nicholas Macready, The Queen's Royal Irish Hussars, son of Mr and Mrs A.J.L. Macready, of Hennock, Devon, and Lynne, daughter of Mr and Mrs G.F. Masson, of Lower Earley, Berkshire.

Mr J.M.S. Pugh and Miss A.M. Forsyth

The engagement is announced between Jonathan, elder son of Mr John Pugh, Fernhill Heath, Worcestershire, and Mrs Paul Sanderson, of Winchester, Hampshire, and Anna, elder daughter of Professor and Mrs Murray Forsyth, of Uppingham, Rutland.

Mr M.J. Warr and Miss S.J. Thompson

The engagement is announced between Martyn John, son of Mr and Mrs J.F. Warr, of Kingston-Upon-Hull, Yorkshire, and Sarah Jane, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs J.R. Thompson, of Brightlingsea, Essex.

Braille phone bills

Blind telephone users will be able to receive British Telecom bills in braille under a scheme launched yesterday. Partially sighted people will also benefit as they can opt to have bills sent to them in large print.

Church news

Appointments

The Rev Michael Plunkett, Vicar, St Thomas, Melling; to be Team Rector, St Aidan, Speke (Liverpool).

The Rev Preb John Prior, Rector, Trull w Angersleigh, and Rural Dean of Taunton (Bath and Wells); to be Chaplain on Huggens' College, Northfleet (Rochester).

The Rev Timothy Woods, Area Secretary for Christian Aid, South East Greater London; to be Vicar, Estover, (Exeter).

Resignations and retirements

The Rev David Beling, Vicar, St Paul, Preston (Exeter); to retire as from 1 November.

The Rev John Cox, Vicar, Breage w Germoe (Truro); to retire as from 31 October.

The Rev Canon Anthony Gent, Vicar, St Minver w St Enodoc and St Michael Rock (Truro); to retire as from 31 October.

Scottish Episcopal Church

Ordinations

Priest: Edward Strange — Honorary Assistant Curate, St John's, Inverness and Assistant Hospital Chaplain (Moray Ross and Caithness).

Deacon: Richard Percival to serve in Kokstad (Umzimvubu, South Africa)

Resignations

The Rev Stuart Robertson has resigned as Rector, St James', Leith (Edinburgh) on his appointment as Missionary to eastern Europe.

OBITUARIES

MERFYN TURNER

Merfyn Lloyd Turner, penal reformer and pioneer in the field of after-care, died on August 6 aged 75. He was born in Wales on October 21, 1915.



MERFYN Turner belonged to the great tradition of penal reformers. A wartime conscientious objector with the courage of his convictions, he served a three-months prison sentence, with hard labour, in Swansea jail. The sentence inspired Turner to devote his life to the welfare of prisoners and ex-offenders, especially to men who were inadequate rather than criminal and who, with support and guidance, could lead a reasonable life. He was a first-rate communicator and as a writer and broadcaster made an important contribution to criminology and penal reform.

The son of a Welsh Methodist minister who frequently moved in the course of his duties, Turner was educated at a number of schools, at the University College of Wales, Aberystwyth, and at Westminster College, London, where he gained a diploma and certificate of education in 1939. At the outbreak of war he was teaching in a primary school in Eastbourne. Following his prison sentence, one of his activities was setting up a youth club in Tiger Bay.

In 1944 he went to Oxford House, the settlement in Bethnal Green which has nurtured so many social-work pioneers, and he began prison visiting at Pentonville. When he arrived at the prison one evening to be vetted by the governor, he saw a framed notice on the door; a man was to be hanged the following morning. The governor was waiting for him but explained that their meeting must be postponed. Turner wrote later, "As governor, he was required to give his attention to the hangman and his hospitality to the sheriff."

For almost half a century, until shortly before his death, Turner visited prisoners in Pentonville. It was at Pentonville that he conceived the idea of the "after-care hostel". In 1948 he opened a club for unclubbables on a barge at Wapping. Later he worked with maladjusted children and in a psychiatric unit. With the support of two enlightened charitable trusts, in 1954 he opened Norman House, the prototype halfway house for ex-offenders, and ran it himself as warden until 1960. There are now hundreds of such houses in this country and in other parts of the world. Norman House has rehabilitated many hundreds of men and in some cases kept men out of prison for longer than otherwise could have been expected. It has also been a proving ground for young people at the outset of their careers in the probation services or in social work. Shirley Davis, a young barrister with a social conscience, applied to become an assistant to the warden; she became his wife.

Turner opened two more houses and helped set up many more. He was credited with being largely responsible for persuading the government to subsidise, through the Home Office, approved after-care establishments. From 1960 to 1980 he was director of the Norman House group and travelled all over the country selecting men who would benefit from residence at Norman House and visiting former residents both in and out of prison. Judges began to offer certain offenders a chance to live in Norman House as an alternative to prison, and other countries invited Turner to advise them on after-care and sometimes on improving their prison system. Although he had no brief for the professional criminal, he knew many and never denied them welfare support if they needed it. He also worked with patients discharged from Broadmoor to which he was a regular visitor.

For three years after his formal retirement in 1980, he visited detainees in the deportation wing at Pentonville and many of them kept in touch with him afterwards. During the last decade, funded by the Barrow and Geraldine S. Cadbury Trust, he has many times visited Western prisoners, mostly convicted of drug offences, in Turkish prisons. He also kept in touch with their families. His concern, however, embraced all prisoners. He made his last visit in March.

Merfyn Turner was Welsh to the backbone, a man of intuitive understanding of human kind, especially of the underdog. He was an idealist, a visionary, yet down to earth too. His bulging pockets were his filing cabinets, his wrists served as a notepad. Extremely modest, he never sought recognition of his achievements, but he was proud of the honorary doctorate of laws conferred on him by the University of Wales in 1982.

As a writer he was scholarly and penetrating, but easy to read; humour permeated his work. His books include *Safe Lodging*, *A Pretty Sort of Prison* and *Ship Without Sails*, the last being the story of the barge at Wapping. He also wrote *Forgotten Men*, a report on common lodging houses.

In his younger days he played football, as an amateur, for Cardiff and until quite recently played squash and a wily game of tennis.

He is survived by his wife and by their two sons and triplet daughters.

HARRY REASONER

Harry Reasoner, American television broadcaster died on August 7 aged 68. He was born in Dakota City, Iowa, on April 17, 1923.



TOGETHER with Mike Wallace, Harry Reasoner pioneered the CBS documentary programme *60 Minutes* which is the nearest American equivalent to the BBC's *Panorama*. In the course of his career which spanned 35 years in network television, 27 of them with CBS, Reasoner was noted for his dry wit, unflappable delivery, and a writing style which became the envy of his contemporaries. "He was a gentle and thoughtful man in a rough and tumble business," said his long-time CBS colleague Eric Sevareid. "I never knew him to do a poor job at anything."

His start in journalism, however, was not auspicious. After studying at Stanford University and the University of Minnesota without gaining a degree, and serving in the US Army during the second world war, he became a drama critic of the *Minneapolis Times* and was fired for giving an unfavourable review to a touring Broadway show. He went on to work at regional radio and television stations, and for the US Information Agency, before joining CBS News in 1956.

It was at CBS that Harry Reasoner found his niche, working as reporter and editor on a wide variety of news and documentary programmes. When *60 Minutes* began he doubted that the format would succeed but agreed to become one of the anchormen. "I've been wrong a lot" he said on his retirement, "but never so happily wrong. I can't imagine anything I could have done that would have been so rewarding."

Reasoner's ambition had been to anchor the CBS *Evening News* programme, but the presence of Walter Cronkite made that impossible. In 1970 he was lured away to become co-anchor of the competing ABC *Evening News*, where he earned the enmity of the Nixon White House for his reporting on the Vietnam war, but plaudits from press and public. The relationship with ABC ended in 1978 after disagreements with his co-anchor, Barbara Walters, and he returned to CBS and *60 Minutes*.

For all his many professional achievements, which included two Emmy awards and the George Foster Peabody prize, it bothered Reasoner that he had never completed his university studies. In 1989 he remedied the omission and completed his credits at the University of Minnesota to get a bachelor's degree in journalism at the age of 66.

Reasoner's first marriage, to Kathleen Ann Carroll, ended in divorce. He is survived by his second wife, Lois, whom he married in 1988, and by two sons and five daughters from his first marriage.

LT-COL STUART CHANT-SEMPILL

Lt-Colonel Stuart Chant-Sempill, OBE, MC, who led one of the demolition teams during the wartime commando raid on St-Nazaire, died on July 27 aged 74. He was born on March 11, 1917.

STUART Chant-Sempill's great disappointment after the war was that a serious bullet wound in one knee had put paid to his rugby career as flank forward for Wasps. But he probably owed his life to the same injury.

A lieutenant in the Gordon Highlanders, attached to No 2 Commando, he had just celebrated his 25th birthday when, in March 1942, already a Dunkirk veteran, he sailed at night in the old lend-lease destroyer *Campbeltown* on one of the most secret and dangerous missions of the war. The destination was St-Nazaire on the Loire estuary, where Hitler's navy had established base facilities which were crucial to the battle of the Atlantic.

These included nine U-boat pens with five more in the course of construction, and the only dock on the eastern Atlantic seaboard big enough to service German battleships like the *Tirpitz*. Moreover the pocket battleships *Scharnhorst* and *Gneisenau* had been reported heading south from the Baltic. The need to deny them the use of St-Nazaire gave special urgency to the mission.

The plan was to drive *Campbeltown* at 20 knots into the port's main lock mechanism — then detonate five tons of high explosive. Accompanying torpedo boats were to make for the submarine pens while the commando teams on *Campbeltown* would land and attack the other dock facilities.

Young Chant-Sempill, whose book *St Nazaire Commando* appeared six years ago, was in charge of the squad assigned to destroy the main pumping house. His commandos raced across the moonlit quay, raked by the heavy machine-guns of the enemy. They set their charges with a 90-second fuse then made their getaway just as the pumping house exploded.

But Chant-Sempill, already hit twice in an arm and a leg, was now felled by the bullet in his knee which left him lying helpless on the dockside. He always maintained that the disaster saved his life because the panicking Germans were now shooting everything that moved. Many French dockyard workers died in the confusion.

Chant-Sempill, who won the Military Cross for his part in the costly but hugely successful operation, was moved to a hospital at Rennes, where a French surgeon removed the bullet from his knee, thence to a succession of German prisoner-of-war camps.

He twice tried to escape, despite his injury. First he hid in a truck-load of potato peelings. But a stray dog started barking at the mound and he surrendered for fear of being bayoneted where he lay.

On the second occasion while at Rotenburg, near Kassel, he was one of 60 British prisoners who built a tunnel 15 feet below the camp gymnasium. But their getaway had to be postponed for a fortnight (to await a moonless night) and, during that time, they were betrayed to the guards. He was later repatriated under a scheme for wounded prisoners and was dispatched by the War Office to America where he lectured to US audiences to help counter Nazi propaganda. Still only 28 years old on VE-Day, he had had an eventful war by any standards.

Chant-Sempill was actually born as Stuart Chant and educated at Mill Hill, London. But his wife Ann, whom he married in 1948, inherited the Scottish title of Lady Sempill so he changed his name to Chant-Sempill to avoid confusion.

After the war he joined the Rank Organisation's publicity department before being offered a second career in the army, which was short of French-speaking officers. Chant-Sempill who had a natural gift for languages be-



came a liaison officer at SHAPE where he worked with Generals Eisenhower and Montgomery.

He then returned (as an OBE) to public relations, first in a company he helped to start with Prince Galitzine, then as director of PR for the insurance brokers C. T. Bowring. He continued working until the age of 65, despite a stroke which paralysed his right side five years before. He produced his book after learning to write with his left hand.

He never lost his passion for rugby football. He became a vice-president of Wasps and was associated with the annual Oxford-Cambridge match through the Bowring Bowl — the trophy awarded by C. T. Bowring to the winners.

SIR JAMES FAWCETT

Lady Fawcett writes:

THE warm tribute to my late husband by G. A. M. (July 27) suggested that he claimed to have been the only fellow of All Souls to volunteer for war service. My husband would never have made such an incorrect claim and it would be a pity if this false impression persisted. The misconception may have arisen because he volunteered in 1938 and thus may have been one of the first to enlist.

Charges for exhibition forced up

By John Shaw

A SUDDEN cash crisis has forced the Gainsborough House Museum in Sudbury, Suffolk, to increase admission charges for an exhibition opening on Saturday, which traces the origins of landscape painting in Britain.

The problem has been brought about by the collapse of the The Heim Gallery in Jermyn Street, central London, which ceased trading in June. The firm was to have sponsored the show entitled "From Gainsborough to Constable: The Emergence of Naturalism in British Landscape Painting 1750-1810".

Preparations were well under way when the gallery went into administrative receivership. The museum said: "It was going to give us £7,500 which would have been matched under a government business incentive scheme that would have meant £15,000 in funding."

A white knight came forward in the shape of David Thomson, son of the newspaper magnate Lord Thomson of Fleet, who collects Constables. He was one of the exhibition lenders and he also made a cash contribution.

However, the museum has also had to increase admission for adults from £1.50 to £2.50. Increases for children and students have risen from 75p to £1.

The exhibition will go to Leger in Old Bond Street, London, in November.

Archaeology

Tomb of Maya warrior king found in Guatemalan jungle

By Norman Hammond, Archaeology Correspondent

THE undisturbed tomb of a Maya king has been discovered at a site deep in the Guatemalan jungle. Buried beneath a terraced funerary pyramid some 1,300 years old, the occupant is thought to have been one of the most successful warriors in Maya history, conquering neighbouring communities to build a regional power that lasted for several generations.

The discovery was made at Dos Pilas, a medium-sized Maya city of the Classic period (AD 250-900) close to the Rio de la Pasion in northwestern Guatemala, in the tropical forest zone of the Peten. The carved and inscribed stone stelae of Dos Pilas have been famous for many years: recent deciphering has shown that one of its lords, known prosaically as Ruler 2 until the hieroglyphs for his name have been read, was responsible for his city's rapid expansion in the late seventh century.

One monument, Stela 8, stands in front of a small pyramid some 10 metres high, and the inscription states that Ruler 2 was buried there. Professor Arthur Demarest of Vanderbilt university, who is directing work at Dos Pilas, sank a shaft through the rubble fill of the pyramid and discovered the intact funeral chamber.

The burial was less well equipped than some Maya royal tombs, such as that of Pacal, the king of Palenque who died in AD 683, but contained a headdress, jade jewellery, marine shells and pottery vessels decorated with polychrome designsand hieroglyphic inscriptions.

The contents are less exciting than the context, linking the tombs and its setting with a named king whose life can be reconstructed in outline from newly-deciphered texts. Ruler 2 is one of the first Maya kings to emerge from prehistory into history.

Professor Demarest believes that he was responsible for a change in the nature of Maya warfare, from border raiding for captives to outright territorial conquest and political expansion.

One stela at Dos Pilas shows its ruler standing on the crouched and bound figure of the deposed king of the neighbouring polity of Seibal. Professor Demarest believes that the social stresses of endemic warfare caused the collapse of Maya civilisation in the ninth century, although other Mayanists think that the converse is true, and that overpopulation and environmental degradation led to war over diminishing resources.

☐ Soviet archaeologists have discovered the secret burial of a 13th century noble in southern Kazakhstan, amid speculation that it is the tomb of a member of Genghis Khan's Mongol dynasty. The report comes at the same time as a joint Mongolian-Japanese expedition has reported that it believes the tomb of Genghis Khan himself may be located in the Hentei province of northern Mongolia.

The Soviet discovery, reported by the news agency Tass, was made in the valley of the Ili River, which flows west out of China's Xinjiang province into Lake Balkhash, not far north of the Kazakh capital of Alma-Ata.

A drinking bowl made from electrum, a gold-silver alloy, gold decorations and silver vessels, and fragments of arrow shafts painted in red and black are among the artefacts said to have been found in the tomb.

All traces of the funeral ceremony and of the burial's location have been been obliterated, Tass said. Genghis Khan's burial was similarly concealed: all those who witnessed the interment were put to death. Marco Polo reported a similar slaughter after the funeral of Mangu Khan, another member of the Chinghizid dynasty.

If the Ili burial was also a Chinghizid it would account for the burial being concealed so carefully, Tass said.

Historian says princes did not die in tower

By Alan Hamilton

THE most arch deed of piteous massacre that ever yet this land was guilty of was all a blind and never happened. Far from girdling each other in death within their alabaster innocent arms, the Princes in the Tower were smuggled out in an escape bold enough to enforce a home secretary's resignation, assumed false identities, and grew up in Tudor England with all the insouciance of a train robber in Brazil.

Jack Leslau, an amateur historian from north London, has spent ten years gnawing at one of the most appealing mysteries of English history. Now he wants to apply DNA genetic fingerprinting techniques to the mortal remains of the two men he believes to have been the princes, to prove that they were brothers. Unfortunately, church authorities in both England and Belgium are showing no great enthusiasm for opening the necessary tombs.

In spite of Shakespeare, who never let historical truth spoil a rattling good plot, Mr Leslau believes that Edward V, the elder of the two sons of Edward IV supposed to have been murdered at the behest of Richard III, assumed the guise of Sir Edward Guildford, an eminence at the court of Henry VIII, and that Richard of York, the younger, was transformed into John Clement, who became president of the Royal College of Physicians. Clement is buried in Mecklen, Belgium, where the cathedral authorities have declined to open his tomb.

No one is certain where Sir Edward Guildford is buried. Mr Leslau therefore wants to inspect the tombs of their respective daughters, one in Belgium and one in Chelsea Old Church in London.

Mr Leslau said: "Since it is possible to identify a related grandparent and grandchild, we need first to examine the children of Guildford and Clement." The next hurdle, however, would be to gain access to the remains of Edward IV at Windsor.

"Until I get the co-operation of the authorities, I cannot go forward," Mr Leslau said. "I hope this setback is only temporary."

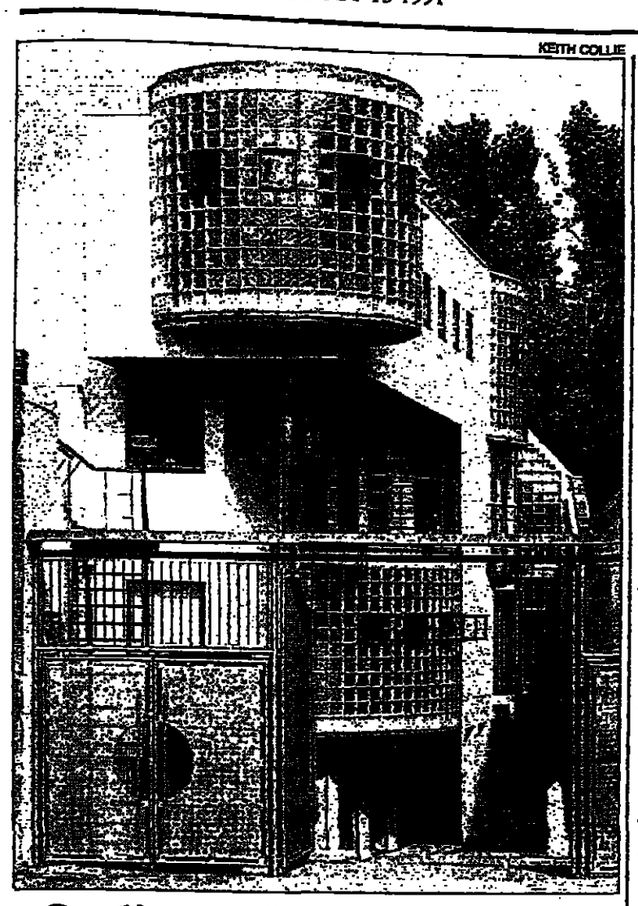
Historians and playwrights have relied for their account of the supposed murder in the Tower on Sir Thomas More's *History of King Richard III*, written 30 years after the foul deed was supposed to have been committed in 1483. Mr Leslau believes that More's account was a cover-up for a secret deal in which Henry VII married Elizabeth of York on condition that the two princes, who were her brothers, gave up all claim to the throne.

However, a recently published book, *Richard III and the Princes in the Tower*, by the historian A.J. Pollard, dismisses Mr Leslau's theories as "breathtakingly ingenious" but no more than "a brilliant flight of fancy".

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KEITH COLLIE



On lines of a space station

ONE of London's most startlingly original new buildings (above) is to be found in Islington, at 78 Liverpool Road, just north of the Royal Agricultural Hall. On the narrow, cramped site of an old garage, the architect Gareth Wright has produced a futuristic design suggestive of a space station (Marcus Binney writes).

The glass "cotton reel" rotunda at the corner, supported on a slender stainless steel column projects like an all-seeing insect's eye. Glazed with three different types of mottled and clear glass blocks, it has the feeling inside of a kinetic work of art, picking up and breaking up the colour of any passing car.

The design shows how the standard clean-lined, clean-surfaced Modernist box can be transformed by setbacks, overhangs, angled walls and curving glass bows. Strong colour accents highlight the different elements. The reveals are painted pale green and purple and the undersides of the overhangs picked out in dark blue. The square metal casement windows in the glass walls are emphasised in a bright pillar-box red, while the courtyard walls are white to reflect the sun.

As the building stands back at right angles from the road, it does not jar against the urbane Georgian architecture of Islington, and shows instead how with the careful siting an uncompromisingly modern building can fit into an older street.

Gareth Wright is now living in France.

Army and navy to merge equipment exhibitions

By Michael Evans, Defence Correspondent

A MERGER of the prestigious equipment exhibitions held by the Royal Navy and the army is to be announced as part of the government's package of changes to reduce the defence budget.

The Royal Navy equipment exhibition, a biennial event held at Whale Island in Portsmouth, is to be amalgamated with the British Army equipment exhibition, also held biennially, at Aldershot. The two occasions, each with noble traditions and sales battle honours, will be allowed to keep their separate identities but in a combined format. The venue has yet to be decided.

The navy has managed to arrange one final event before the merger. Next month about 100 exhibitors, representing 200 British companies, will be displaying their latest weapons and gadgets at Whale Island. An aircraft carrier, a Type 22 frigate, several minehunters and a submarine will also be on show.

The army held its biennial event last year and it is not yet clear whether the decision to merge the two occasions will affect next year's exhibition. Both events are run by the ministry's defence export services organisation.

A number of defence companies had been expected to withdraw from next year's event, even before the rumour of an exhibition merger, because of the cost of taking part.

The ministry is expected to announce the merger today.

Appointments in the Forces

Royal Navy

Rear Admiral R.T. Newman to be promoted to Vice Admiral on September 20.

CAPTAIN: R D Barton – MOD London 14.2.92: H Wellsted – Naval Base Commander Rosyth 16.7.91.
SURGEON CAPTAIN: R Harland – MOD London 17.9.91.
COMMANDER: S B P Anderson – MOD London 1.11.91; G Bateman – MOD Portsmouth 24.1.92; P W Binks – Centurion 1.10.91; D Ford – Nato 24.1.92; N G Hudson – Broadsword in Comd 16.11.91; A J Kennaugh – RNSC Greenwich 13.12.91; S V Mackay –MOD London 21.1.92; N W Thomas – Staff of FONA 10.9.91; C W Waite – Invincible 13.5.92; P M Wadley – Staff of CinCFleet 10.1.92; W T Wiseman – MOD London 7.2.92.
SURGEON COMMANDER: B M Adams – DNM Alverstoke 7.12.91.
Retirement
REAR ADMIRAL: J Carine – 4.12.91.
COMMANDER: R W Allen – 19.10.91; H L Foxwell – 22.9.91; T W Paul – 19.10.91; E G Wilcock – 21.9.91.

The Army

COLONEL: M R Frisby – To be Student RCDS Canada. 5.8.91; The Rev G I Lamb – To be Sen. Chap HQ BAOR/HQ BRSC. 5.8.91; J P Watson – To be Comd HQ REME TA. 5.8.91.
LIEUTENANT COLONEL: A Bridges RAOC – To HQ BAOR/HQ BRSC. 5.8.91; R W Bosley RAOC – To HQ BAOR/HQ BRSC. 5.8.91; P Mael. Campbell 16/5R. To be CO 16 Fd. 5.8.91; C C Gilmour DO HSETA – To MOD. 5.8.91; N J Hadfield R Signals – To be CO 22 Sig Regt (Corps Regt HQ). 5.8.91; D Lloyd-Edwards RTR – To HQ AFSOUTH. 5.8.91; A M F Potter R Irish – To be CO 1 R Irish. 5.8.91; D K P Steele A & SH –To SHAPE Staff. 5.8.91.
Retirement
COLONEL: P J Brenchley Late RAPC. 12.8.91.

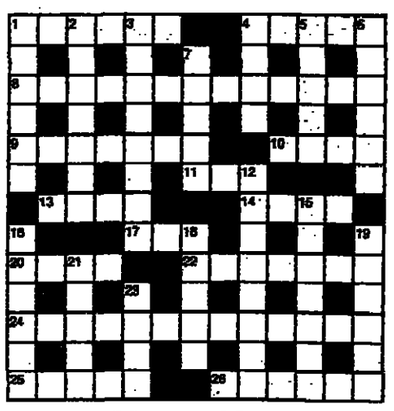
Samurai sword returns to Japan

A 400-year-old Samurai sword handed over to police in Solihull, Birmingham, during a weapons amnesty two years ago is to be returned to Japan. The sword has turned out to be a valuable antique surrendered to the British Army in Burma in 1945 by a Japanese officer.

With the help of the British Museum and the Japanese embassy in London, Det Chief Inspector John Fisher, head of West Midlands police firearms and explosive squad, has tracked down the widow of the Japanese officer.

Mr Fisher took a special interest in the sword after spotting it among the piles of weapons which were handed in. His only clue to its origins was that it came from a former army officer who only left his surname. Mr Fisher traced the man. "He gave me a letter given to him by a Japanese lieutenant, Toshizo Hyuga, who surrendered the sword." The Japanese Embassy helped to trace Lieutenant Hyuga's widow who lives in Tokyo.

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9 Filthiness (7)
10 Side benefit (4)
11 Queen Mother's castle (3)
13 Complaint (4)
14 Simple (4)
17 Incite (3)
20 Rock vein (4)
22 Hide (7)
24 "King" dinosaur (13)
25 Poke (5)
26 Doze (6)

DOWN

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2 Refugee (8)
3 Radioactive decay period (4-4)
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5 Picture (5)
6 Gratitude (6)
7 Gale (5)
12 Once more (3,5)
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16 Typewriter roller (6)
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19 Sadness (6)
21 Presumed (5)
23 On an occasion (4)

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For your part, what you say must be in keeping with sound doctrine. Titus 2:1 REB

BIRTHS

ATKINSON – On August 9th, to Reverend Anna (Sorensen) and Reverend Chris, a son, Robert.

BOULLIER – On August 8th, to Susan (née Barker) and Christophe, a daughter, Chloe Louise.

CASH – On August 6th, at Southmead, to Alicia and Declan, a daughter, Roisin Mary Alicia. A sister for Patrick Eugene and a first granddaughter to Arthur and Patty Squires. Deo Gratias.

CROSS – see Macarthur.

DAY-ROBINSON – On August 7th 1991, at Pembury Hospital, to Judith (née Shircliff) and Daniel, a son, George Harris, a brother for William.

GREENEBERG – On July 29th, at Brisbane Women's Hospital, to Alison (née Walch) and Bason, a daughter, Caitlin Joan.

GRUMBAR – On August 9th, at St Thomas', to Hilary (née Dobson) and Paul, a daughter, Letitia, a sister to Harry and Oliver.

HALE – On August 6th, at The Portland Hospital, to Richard and Michelle, a son, Jonathan James.

HANNA – On August 6th, at Princess Margaret Hospital, to Hilary (née MacGregor) and Trevor, a son, Luke Robert, a brother for Amelia.

HOWELL – On August 8th, to Claire (née Ashworth) and Rupert, a daughter, Amy Jane.

JONES – On August 6th, to Hilary (née Evans) and Stephen, a son, Jonathan Edward Dartnell, a brother for Nicholas and Harriet.

JUCKES – On August 9th, to Jonathan and Diana, a daughter, Alice Catherine.

MACARTHUR – On August 7th 1991, in Bristol, to Léonie (née Cross) and Duncan, a son, Stuart Macleod, a brother for James.

MANNIX – On July 15th, at The West London Hospital, to Amanda (née Woodbury) and Edward, a son, Edward Matthew.

MIALL – On August 6th, to Gail and David, a daughter, Antonia, a sister for Amy.

PENGELLEY – On August 8th, to Sticks and Martin, a son, Guy Murray Edwin.

RAWLINSON – On August 8th, at The Portland Hospital, to Jayne (née Edgar) and Mark, a beautiful daughter, Hannah Jane, a sister for James and Harriet.

RHODE – On August 9th, at The Portland Hospital, to Vanessa (née Hedley) and Michael, a boy, Oliver Hugo, a brother for Hilary, Nicolas, William, Michael and Michaela.

ROBERTS – On August 8th, to Emma (née Hartley) and Julian, a daughter, Chloe, a sister for Emily.

SCHWEITZER – On August 9th, to Carolyn (née Francis) and Adrian, a son, Nicholas Jack, a brother for Thomas.

SEDGWICK – On August 10th, to Elizabeth (née Heathcote) and Ivan, a son, Edmund, a brother to Ralph.

SINGLE – On August 6th, to Suzie (née Adam) and Jamie, a daughter, Rosanna Jane.

STALEY – On August 6th, to Amanda (née Weston) and Mike, a son, George Charles Bernard, a brother for Jessica.

SYKES – On July 17th 1991, to Lucinda (née Robinson) and Tim, a daughter Jemima Lily Jane, a sister for Toby.

TAYLOR – On August 9th, to Alison (née Pennie) and Simon, a daughter, Imogen Kate, a sister for Nicholas and Adam.

WILSON – On August 9th, to Penelope (née Luppman) and Andrew, a daughter, Rose Harriet.

WOMERSLEY – On August 10th, to Fiona (née Graham) and James, a son, Thomas Michael Robert, a brother for Edward.

ZINOPOULOS – On August 10th, to Anna (née Robson) and Tony, a son, Harry, at Queen Charlotte's. Many thanks to the Staff.

DEATHS

AVES – On August 9th 1991, peacefully, Gladys Mary, of Parkview Court, Fulham, London, aged 85 years. Funeral Service 12.30 pm Cambridge City Crematorium, Friday August 16th. Floral tributes may be sent to The Co-operative Funeral Service, 34 James Street, Cambridge.

BANKS – On August 11th, peacefully at home on his 90th birthday, Sir Maurice, adored and devoted husband of the late Ruth Hall Banks. Dearly loved and admired by all his family, his children Joan Dunlop, Peter Banks and Penelope West and their spouses Yannick and John; his grandchildren Seymour, Alexo, Robert and Jo Jonna. Funeral will be held at St Andrew's Church, Kingswood, on Wednesday August 21st at 11.30 am. Donations if desired to Dr. Ian Smith's Breast Cancer Research Fund, The Royal Marsden Hospital, Fulham Road, London SW3 6JJ.

BERTRAM – On August 8th, after a short illness, Elizabeth Florence Oriana (Betts), peacefully at the Foscote Hospital, Banbury, beloved wife of Dick. Funeral Service on Thursday August 15th 2.30 pm at Shenington Parish Church. Donations to the Foscote Hospital, Foscote Rise, Banbury, Oxon and flowers to J & M Humphris, Albert Street.

BLAKE – On July 27th 1991, Cecil, beloved wife of the late Henry St John Blake K.M., of Belmont, Galway. Much loved mother of Bruce, Easter and Henry. Requiescat in pace.

BUTLER – On August 9th 1991, suddenly at home, Sheila (née Walshaw). Service at St Barts., Spithurst, Barcombe, near Lewes, East Sussex, on Thursday August 15th at 2.30 pm. Flowers may be sent to G.Trower, 1 Mongers Mead, Barcombe, Lewes, Sussex. tel: (0273) 400530.

COOMBES – On August 9th, Geraldine Mary Barton, aged 68 years. R.I.P. Beloved wife of the late Dennis Coombes, loving mother of Vanessa, Cerilla and Richard, mother-in-law of Keith, grandmother of Christopher, Charlotte, Jonathan, Timothy, Dominic and Sophie. Requiem Mass at St Mary's Catholic Church, Barnstaple, on Friday August 16th at 12 noon. Donations to the N. Devon Branch Multiple Sclerosis Society to Clarke & Sons Funeral Directors, Braunton, N. Devon.

EYRE De FRAINE – On August 12th 1991, at Crondall Lodge, Crondall, Farnham, Surrey, Mrs Inez Isobel Eyre De Fraine, the wife of the late John Turner De Fraine. Funeral private.

FERGUSON – On August 5th, peacefully in hospital in Mendoza, Argentina, Norman Winton, aged 86 years. Dearly loved husband of Betty, much loved father of Carol and Diana, grandfather of James, Michael, Monica, Sonia, Alison and Andrew.

FLACH – On August 11th, Sarah, aged 39, peacefully after a long illness from cancer, fought with tremendous courage and dignity. Funeral 11 am, Saturday August 17th at Burford Church. Donations may be sent to The Radiotherapy Unit, Churchill Hospital, Oxford.

SHARPLEY – see Flach.

DEATHS

FROST – On August 11th 1991, peacefully, Barbara Cicely, beloved mother of Priscilla, grandmother of Monica and Carlos; lately at The Convent of the Visitation, Bridport, Dorset. Requiem Mass at the Convent Chapel on Friday August 16th at 1 pm.

HANNEY – On August 10th 1991, very suddenly at home in Clyffe Pypard, Ginette, dearly loved wife of Dennis, mother of Stephen and his wife Jennifer and Nana to Stuart and Joanne. Funeral at St Peter's Church, Clyffe Pypard, at 12 noon on Friday 16th. Flowers to Maslin Funeral Service, 118 High Street, Wootton Bassett. Wilts. tel: (0793) 848700, or if preferred donations direct for The Chest Heart & Stroke Association, Haverstock House North, Haverstock Square, London WC1H 9JE.

HARVEY – On August 10th, at The Royal Devon and Exeter Hospital, Lance George, beloved husband, father and grandfather. Funeral Service Wednesday August 14th 2pm at St Peter's Church, Budleigh Salterton, Devon.

HELEY – On August 10th 1991, Dr. Andrew, born 13th December 1941, Medical Officer of FACTS, eldest child of Arthur & Olive Heley, of Melbourne, Australia. Our dear son. Funeral on Wednesday August 14th at 10 am in All Saints Church, Margaret St, London.

HIMSWORTH – On August 7th, in the Isle of Man, Eric Himsworth CMG, aged 86, formerly of Colonial Service and one-time financial consultant with United Nations and World Bank.

HODGES – On August 9th, peacefully in Winchester, Evelyn Lena (née Marshall), in her 80th year, beloved wife of Geoffrey, mother of Harley and daughter-in-law Peter, adored "Granny" of Hugo and Georgina, sister of Rowena and the late Artereta, Frank and Arthur. Cremation private, followed by Service of Thanksgiving at Winchester College Chapel on Thursday August 22nd at 12 noon. Flowers to Ino Steel & Son, Chesil House, Winchester.

HORBERRY – On August 9th, Winston Robert, husband of Betty and father of Anne and John. Funeral, Thursday August 15th 10 am, Woking Crematorium. Enquiries to W. Scaffy & Co. (0932) 2842S6.

HUGHESDON – On August 9th 1991, peacefully after a long illness borne with fortitude and faith, Richard, beloved husband and father. Funeral Service takes place on Thursday August 15th 1991 at Penn Street Parish Church, nr. Amersham at 2.30 pm. Family flowers only.

JAMIESON – On August 10th, in Salisbury, Tatiana, widow of Dr A.M. Jamieson. The funeral service will be held in Salisbury Cathedral at 2.15 pm on Thursday August 15th. Flowers to Case Witt and Partners, 22 Churchfields Road, Salisbury, tel: (0722) 414521.

LEWIS – On August 8th 1991, peacefully at Bristol General Hospital, Arthur George Lewis, aged 80 years, of Snowshill, Broadway, Worcestershire. Beloved husband of Hilda, father of Celia and Derek and grandfather. Funeral Service at St Barnabas, Snowshill, on Friday August 16th at 2 pm. Family flowers only please, donations if desired for the Injured Jockeys Fund or St Barnabas, Snowshill, to Philip Tomlins F/D, 36 The Leys, Evesham, WR11 5AP.

LYNCH – On August 10th 1991, Reverend Philip Russell (Basil), aged 86. Requiem Mass, 11 am, Monday August 19th at the Birmingham Oratory.

MATTHEWS – On August 11th 1991, peacefully in St Bartholomew's Hospital after a short illness, Elspeth Matthews, aged 91, loved wife and sharer of life with Leslie Gerald, of 2 Pump Court, Temple, EC4. Funeral private. Please no flowers.

MIRAMS – On August 8th 1991, aged 78 years, John Edward, BSc., Barrister-at-Law, peacefully at home Wellow, near Bath.

PAGET – On August 9th 1991, peacefully at St Heller's Hospital, Richard Berkeley, dearest father of Henrietta, Annabelle, Charlotte and Edward, most beloved brother of Mary, Pat and Caroline. Requiem Mass at St Joseph's Church, Eastgate Gardens, Guildford, on Friday August 16th at 11.30 am. Family flowers only please, donations if desired for The Disabled Living Foundation c/o Aylings Funeral Services, 25 South Road, Guildford, Surrey. tel: (0483) 67333.

PETRE – In London, Martin Anthony Chaworth, aged 51, much loved father of Henrietta, Edward and Isobel. Funeral at St Mary's, Cadogan Street, on Friday August 16th at 3 pm.

RAVENETTE – On August 7th, in hospital after a prolonged period of ill health, Irene Hardy (née Evans), beloved wife of Tom Ravenette. Private cremation on August 15th. No flowers by request, but donations to Imperial Cancer Research, c/o Longhurst Undertakers, 8/10 Pound Lane, Epsom, Surrey.

RUSSELL – On August 9th 1991, peacefully, Elizabeth Mary (Betty) (née Lee Evans), of Chichester, aged 78. Devoted wife of the late A.S. Russell and stepmother of Judy Campbell. Funeral Service at Guildford Crematorium at 2 pm on Monday August 19th. Family flowers only, donations if desired to The British Legion, Enquiries to Sherlock & Sons, tel: Dorking (0306) 882265.

SARIN – On August 7th 1991, after a short illness courageously borne in Brook General Hospital, Iqbal Bahadur, who dedicated his life to the Asian Community, serving in the B.B.C. World Service for 30 years. Beloved husband of Prem (Dr), dearly loved father of Meena, loved brother, chacha, daddaji and friend. Funeral at 4 pm on Thursday 15th at Eltham Crematorium, Crown Woods Way, SE9. Family flowers only please, donations if desired to The Disabled Living Foundation.

SIMON – On August 9th, peacefully, Peter, of The Society of Jesus, at The Hope Nursing Home, Cambridge, in his 83rd year. Requiem Mass on Wednesday August 14th at The Sacred Heart Church, Edge Hill, Wimbledon at 11 am.

STEPHEN – On August 10th 1991, at Fairwarp, Sussex, Betty, widow of Lt. Col. A.M. Stephen. Requiem Mass at St John's, Herons Ghyll, on Saturday August 17th at 12 noon. Enquiries please to Paul Bysouth Funeral Services, Crowborough, tel: (0892) 665000.

TAYLOR – On August 11th, William George (John) Taylor aged 95. Veteran of the Honourable Artillery Company and Lt. Col. The Royal Fusiliers. Beloved uncle of Sally and Paul and great-uncle of Mark, Dominic and Alexander. Cremation at Worth, near Crawley, August 16th at 2.45 pm. No flowers. Donations, if desired, to Royal Fusiliers Aid Society, H.M. Tower of London EC3.

THOMPSON – On August 3rd 1991, Elizabeth, aged 88 years, for 65 years wife of Hugh Thompson, Lt. Col. The Border Regiment. Cremation has taken place and their ashes scattered in Cumberland. R.I.P.

DEATHS

TOMLINSON – On August 10th 1991, Ernest (Tommy), aged 85, much loved father of David and Diana, father-in-law of Stuart and adored grandfather of Simon and Christopher. Headmaster of Hailsham School 1961-70, District Governor Rotary 1120, 1970-71. Funeral Service at 11 am on Monday August 19th in St Mark's Church, Little Common, Bexhill. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to Royal National Institute for the Deaf, c/o Mummery, 51 Devonshire Road, Bexhill.

WARDLE – On August 10th 1991, peacefully, Lt. Cdr. Geoffrey Wardle M.B.E., beloved husband of the late Patricia and much loved stepfather of Sarah, Georgina and Virginia. Funeral at St Mary's Church, Wylye, on Friday August 16th at 3.30 pm. No flowers please, but donations if desired to Wylye Church Restoration Fund.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

McKEE – A Memorial Service in memory of George Kenneth McKee C.B.E., Sc.D., F.R.C.S., will be held at Christ Church, Ealon, Norwich, on Saturday September 28th at 11.30 am.

VIDLER – A Service of Remembrance and Thanksgiving for the life of the late Reverend Dr Alec Vidler will be conducted by the Lord Bishop of Chichester at the Parish Church of St Mary the Virgin, Rye, East Sussex, on Saturday November 23rd 1991 at 3 pm.

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Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ♦) on release across the country.

pathy characters. Starring Kurt Russell, William Baldwin, Robert De Niro; director, Ron Howard. Cannons: Baker Street (071-935 9772) Fulham Road (071-370 2636) Empire (071-437 9999) Notting Hill Coronet (071-727 9705) Screen on the Green (071-226 3520) Whiteleys (071-792 3324).

♦ EDWARD SCISSORHANDS (PG): Tim Burton's captivating fantasy about a boy with scissors for hands at large in American suburbia. With Johnny Depp, Dianne West, Winona Ryder. Cannon Chelsea (071-352 5096) Odeons: Kensington (071-602 6644) Leicester Square (071-930 6111) Swiss Cottage (071-586 3057) Screen on Baker Street (071-935 2772) Whiteleys (071-792 3303).

HENRY: PORTRAIT OF A SERIAL KILLER (18): Devastating, fly-on-the-wall study of human depravity in Chicago. Director, John McNaughton. Cannon Panton Street (071-930 0631) Metro (071-437 0757).

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☐ THE CARETAKER: Donald Pleasence in Pinter's classic tussle between a tramp and two brothers. Comedy, Panton Street, SW1 (071-867 1045). Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sat, 8.15pm, mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 5pm. 135mins.

☐ CARMEN JONES: Classy production of the Hammerstein/Bizet all-black musical, packed with pizzazz. Old Vic, Waterloo Road, SE1 (071-928 7616). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Wed, Sat, 3pm 165mins.

☐ DANCING AT LUGHNASA: Brian Friel's Olivier Award-winning memory-play set in 1930s Donegal. Phoenix, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-867 1044). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 4pm. 150mins.

☐ DICKENS' WOMEN: Spirited, skilful tour of the funny, the fey and the gargoyles by Miriam Margolyes. Duke of York's, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-836 5122). Tues-Sat, 8pm, mats 4pm, Sun, 3pm. 120mins

☐ DON'T DRESS FOR DINNER: Simon Cadell in average, French-boulevard farce. Apollo, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-437 2663). Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sat, 8.30pm, mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 5pm. 135mins.

■ EDWARD II: Simon Russell Beale and Ciaran Hinds outstanding as the gay king and his venomous enemy. The Pit, Barbican Centre, Silk Street, EC2 (071-638 8891). Tonight, 7.30pm. 180mins

■ JOSEPH AND THE AMAZING TECHNICOLOR DREAMCOAT: Jason Donovan sports a golden wig for this gaudy, brash revival. Palladium, Argyll Street, W1 (071-494 5037). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm. 135mins.

☐ KING LEAR: Perceptive production by Nicholas Hytner with John Wood in superb voice. Barbican, Silk Street, EC2 (071-638 8891). Tonight, 7pm. 225mins.

☐ THE LADY FROM THE SEA: Kathryn Pogson intense and persuasive in Ibsen's drama of a woman's right to choose her own man. Riverside Studios, Crisp Road, W6 (081-748 3354) Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mat Sat, 3pm. 135mins.

☐ THE MISER: Charles Kay, Eleanor Bron in needlessly dour production by Steven Pimlott. National (Olivier), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252) Tonight-Thurs, 7.15pm, mat Thurs, 2pm. 165mins.

☐ NAPOLI MILIONARIA: Ian McKellen a striking figure in Eduardo de Filippo's richly textured, end-of-war drama. National (Lyttelton) (as above). Today, 2.15pm and 7.30pm, 175mins.

☐ NUTMEG AND GINGER: Gentle Julian Slade musical from a Jacobean comedy about a star-struck apprentice. Orange Tree, Clarence Street, Richmond (081-940 3633). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mat Thurs, 2.30pm, Sat, 4pm. 165mins.

☐ THE PHILANTHROPIST: Captivating performance by Edward Fox in Christopher Hampton's comedy. Wyndham's, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-867 1116). Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sat, 8.30pm, mats Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 5pm. 130mins.

☐ THE ROSE TATTOO: Fleminie Cinque temporarily replaces Julie Walters in Tennessee Williams's heated but joyful celebration of sex. Playhouse, Northumberland Avenue, WC2 (071-839 4401). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Wed, Sat, 3pm. 160mins.

☐ 70, GIRLS, 70: Irresistible Dora Bryan leads the cast of apparent 70-year-olds in a genial Kander & Ebb musical. Vaudeville, Strand, WC2 (071-836 9987). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm. 120mins.

☐ SILLY COW: Ben Elton's awkward collection of one-liners, centred on Helen Atkinson-Wood as a tabloid journo. Theatre Royal, Haymarket, SW1 (071-930 8800). Mon-Thurs, 8pm, Fri, Sat, 8.30pm and 8.45pm. 130mins.

☐ THUNDERBIRDS F.A.B. — THE NEXT GENERATION: Cult stage version of cult television show performed by two actors wearing spaceship hats. Mermaid Theatre, Queen Victoria Street, EC4 (071-410 0000). Mon-Thurs, 8.30pm, Fri, Sat, 7.30pm and 9.30pm. 90mins.

☐ WHEN SHE DANCED: Vanessa Redgrave unforgettable again in Martin Sherman's artful play about Isadora Duncan and the hazards of communication. Globe, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5065). Mon-Sat 8pm, mats Wed, Sat, 3pm. 135mins.

☐ WHITE CHAMELEON: Christopher Hampton growing up in Suez: only moderately compelling. National (Cottesloe) (as left). Tonight, 7.30pm. 130mins.

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TODAY'S EVENTS

Dog, a comedy about the coming of millenia, written by Dave Cohen and Nick Whitby (Gilded Balloon Theatre, 5.15pm); Cambridge Experimental Theatre in Shakespeare's *Richard III* (Tic Toc at Marco's, 2pm); award-winning Black Mime Theatre in the world premiere of *Total Rethink* (Pleasance, 1pm); Anthony Hopkins directs Bob Kingdom imitating Dylan Thomas in the Scottish premiere of *Dylan Thomas: Return Journey* (Assembly Rooms, midday).
Edinburgh Festival Fringe (Booking office: 031-226 5257/5258)

ANHUI ACROBATIC TROUPE: Following the Cartoboan carnival spectacle, the Barbican presents a week-long programme of Chinese acrobatics. Formed in 1956, the Anhui visits Britain for the first time, performing a combination of traditional acrobatic art and modern stagecraft (indoor show). Barbican, Silk Street, London EC2 (071-638 8891), 7.45pm.

JOHNNY GRIFFIN: In top form during his last visit to the Café, the tenor saxophonist and Thelonious Monk sideman has built a reputation for fast and furious be-bop playing. Jazz Café, 15a Parkway, London NW1 (071-284 4358), 8.30pm.

BRITTEN-PEARS ORCHESTRA: Snape's resident orchestra performs Mozart's *Il Seraglio* overture together with Schubert's Symphony No 6 in C, and Schoenberg's romantic tone poem *Transfigured Night*, under the direction of Gunther Pichler.
Snape Concert Hall, Aldeburgh (0728 453543), 7.30pm.

BECKET: Bradford receives the first performance of a new production of Anouilh's play, starring Robert Lindsay (recently seen in the television drama GBH) as Henry II, and Derek Jacobi as Becket. The play, about the relationship between Henry II and Becket, has been treated to a new translation by Jeremy Sams and is directed by Elijah Moshinsky. The eight-week tour will visit Bath, Newcastle, Sheffield, Birmingham and Edinburgh prior to opening in the West End on October 3.
Alhambra Theatre, Morley Street, Bradford (0274 752000), 7.30pm.

COPPELIA: Renata Calderini and Laurent Novis as the young couple in Ronald Hynd's popular production for English National Ballet, which completes the company's three-week residency at the Festival Hall.
Festival Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (071-928 8800), 7.30pm.

THE FAUVE LANDSCAPE: The Royal Academy's bright, new Sackler Galleries, designed by Norman Foster, make an ideal setting for these vibrantly coloured landscapes. The 65 Fauve landscapes on show are dedicated to a short period in the history of 20th century art when colour was used by a group of French avant-garde artists to express a response to nature. Matisse is considered to be the leading luminary of the circle and is well represented in the show, as are Derain and Braque.
Sackler Galleries, Royal Academy of Arts, Piccadilly, London W1 (071-439 7438), 10am-6pm, until September 1.

Social trap with crystal teeth

THEATRE

Too Clever By Half
Empire, Edinburgh

EDINBURGH FESTIVAL

TWO weeks ago the Empire was operating as a bingo hall; and here it is, half-way to becoming what it has not been since 1963, one of Edinburgh's major theatres. The stalls are not quite stalls. At the moment they consist of *ad hoc* tiers of plastic seats an impoverished headmaster might erect for the school sports. But with Moscow's Lenkom Company on stage, presenting some extravagantly theatrical version of Ostrovsky, there can be no doubting that Thespis has at last thrown the bingo-callers out of the temple.

Mark Zakharov's production would be attacked for its imaginative chutzpah if it were English but, being Russian, is likely to be admired for the identical qualities. That is not as unjust as it sounds. On the face of it, *Too Clever* is a realistic satire about an ambitious counterjumper who simultaneously exploits and exposes the influential fools of 19th century Moscow, pandering to the very weaknesses he mocks in his diary. But from the time of Eisenstein, who transformed his actors into clowns and even parachutists, the play has taken a thousand shapes on the Russian stage. It is well enough known to survive an occasional creative mauling.

In any case, Zakharov tends to italicise what is already in the text. It is odd to find Victor Rakov's Gloumov subsisting by candelight in a murky black corridor. It makes it look as if his home is a Rembrandt painting badly in need of cleaning. Nor is his mother a rasping slattern who receives visitors in a petticoat. But the idea is to emphasise their poverty and desperate desire for escape. Thus Rakov's pale, intense anti-hero hammers feverishly at the dingy walls, which swing open to reveal the world he is about to invade: a dreamy paradise where laughing diners sit beneath what looks like some custom-built Milky Way, a ceiling filled with sparkling chandeliers.

This world is inhabited by such fine actors as Leonid Bronevoy, playing the elderly snob whose tract demanding "the immediate abolition of all progressive ideas" is ghosted by Gloumov. He is an unforgettable blend of cadaver and waxwork, who makes the word "pleasure" sound as enticing as a package holiday in Highgate Cemetery. But with Ena Chucova's Kleopatra, doubts begin.

As her name and the text suggest, she is an over-age coquette, there to be flattered by Ostrovsky's arch-opportunist. Here, she begins with pince-nez, bun and severe black dress, an austere Girton don who finds herself being sexually groped by Gloumov's mother and then handed on to a stark-naked Gloumov. Before long, she is festooned with gaudy crinoline and gurgling with sexual satisfaction. An embarrassing flirtation has become a tall tale of initiation and abuse.

Clearly, Zakharov is emphasising, indeed absurdly over-emphasising, that everybody is a victim, down to Gloumov himself. He ends up confident and arrogant, as Ostrovsky wished; but his triumph is more hollow than Ostrovsky suggested. Down come the chandeliers as if to crush the cast; and Rakov is retching and again hammering at the walls. The teeth of this new trap are crystal, but it is still a trap and he is caught in it. Social success is a killer, too.

BENEDICT NIGHTINGALE



Custom-built Milky Way: Lenkom Company's extravagant, sparkling set for *Too Clever By Half* in Edinburgh

PROMS

Weekend Highlights
Albert Hall/Radio 3

JANE Glover's impending separation from the London Mozart Players she has conducted since 1984 was not allowed to cloud their promenade concert, shared in part with the BBC Singers and solo voices. These came together with uplifting spirit in Mozart's C major Mass (K257), one of the 16 he composed for liturgical use in Salzburg Cathedral where, he said, he could write as much church music as he liked provided the Mass did not take more than 45 minutes.

This one, with its positively jaunty Kyrie and almost syncopated Gloria, gained the nickname of "Credo" from the later repetitions of that word in a quite startling way. Gracefully poised solo singing from Joan Rodgers, Michael Chance, Maldwyn Davies and David Wilson-Johnson, especially in the Benedictus, was added to a brisk but not brusque sense of musical purpose that had the Mass finished in less than half an hour.

The two lower voices from the soloists were also heard with the chorus in the *Cantata Misericordium* with which Britten celebrated the centenary of the Red Cross in 1963. Some of the music seems a spin-off from the *War Requiem*, but the vocal setting of a Latin text on the Good Samaritan parable was highlighted by the instrumental support.

Celia Nicklin and Thomas Bowes were the oboe and violin soloists in an earnest but effortful account of Bach's C minor Concerto. The ensembles's polished elegance and courteous charm in Lennox Berkeley's *Divertimento* showed to best advantage the competence of conductor and orchestra in rescuing a beguiling work from undeserved neglect.

As a parting present to end their second promenade concert, Jukka-Pekka Saraste and the Finnish Radio Symphony Orchestra gave a rare chance to enjoy all *Four Legends*, Op 22, by Sibelius. "The Swan of Tuonela" on its own is a favourite, but seldom heard surrounded by the rest of the symphonic suite which the composer published as one work.

Saraste placed the orchestral horns far to one side, where they tended to sound detached and sometimes over-prominent, but he imparted a fine rhythmic flexibility to the dance-like character of the opening, "Lemminkäinen and the Island Maidens", and a sense of macabre menace to "Lemminkäinen in Tuonela", where the hero is cut in pieces and stitched back together by his mother (how has Ken Russell missed filming that?)

Following this with the Swan, gliding poetically on the graceful cor anglais solo from Sanna Niemikunnas, meant restoring the original playing order for the *Legends*, which now seems regular Finnish practice. "Lemminkäinen's Return" generated exhilarating spirit if not the excitement associated with it, and the balance and texture of the playing spoke well for the complete Sibelius recording on which this conductor and orchestra are at present engaged.

Their fellow countryman Olli Mustonen made his Proms debut as soloist in Rachmaninov's "Paganini" Rhapsody, with a lot of physical body-talk at the piano. He played with mannered panache and an extrovert Lisztian character rather than introverted Rachmaninov, whose use of the *Dies irae* plainchant was made to sound like a hymn of thanksgiving. It was different, but not definitive.

NOEL GOODWIN

CONCERT

SCO/Menuhin
Usher Hall, Edinburgh

EDINBURGH FESTIVAL

SUNDAY night's "gala opening concert" at the Edinburgh Festival was not a particularly gala occasion. Nor did it really open the festival, which had started the night before with *Khovanshchina* and *Tango at the End of Winter*. It was, however, a concert.

It was also an exercise in anniversary piety, with music by Mozart under the baton of a man who has lived through precisely 37.5 per cent of the 200 years since the composer's death. By today's standards, of course, that does not make him necessarily a vessel of the authentic tradition. This was, rather, a deeply pre-authentic occasion, with the mammoth Edinburgh Festival Chorus (there must have been a lusty singer for every bicentennial year) swamping the Scottish Chamber Orchestra in the C minor Mass.

Appearing between the two *Khovanshchina* performances, the Edinburgh choralists were perhaps set on proving themselves as powerful as their Leningrad counterparts, and Sir Yehudi Menuhin did not try to get in their way, whether to encourage a suaver sense of shape and texture or a secure pianissimo. The result was a bellow: mightily impressive for a moment, but not equal to much of what is going on in this music. However, hazardous counterpoint was rather a feature of the performance, afflicting the soloists' trio as much as the choir's fugues.

Those soloists were led by Eileen Hulse and Adrianne Pieczonka, the former at first seeming a little nervous and fragile, but soon recovering and producing a bright, fresh, gliding line in the "Et incarnatus". Pieczonka offered a more richly formed style in her own solo, and the contrast of nature with nurture was apt in their duet: a contrast answering to the tension between natural expressivity and artificial display in much of Mozart's writing for the soprano voice. The male soloists were a juicy but not ideally controlled Andrew Tusa and a firm Johannes Mannov. This is not a great night out for the bass, but Mannov looked and sounded a plausible Count. More C minor had come before the interval in the piano concerto with Jeremy Menuhin as soloist.

PAUL GRIFFITHS

POP

Steve Earle
Waterfront, Norwich

IN STEVE Earle's version of country rock, regular guys are the real heroes. The Texan singer makes a good case for his particular brand of populism, and the audience enthusiastically endorsed him as they sang along in a chorus of "Never got rich, Never did try, I'm just a regular guy."

Earle himself appears to be pretty regular — that is, by rock standards. With his hair tied back in a black ribbon, he resembled Lemmy of the British band Motorhead: the same moustache and extended sideburns, the same sallow complexion ("coughing is the only exercise I get").

His manner served to emphasise his ordinariness, as he dismissed his best song, "My Old Friend the Blues", as one that took five minutes to write and two-and-a-half minutes to sing.

For somebody who has made several albums and enjoyed some critical success, his performance is unexpectedly rudimentary. Without his backing band, his guitar and harmonica accompaniment is efficent rather than inspired.

But Earle is not a dull performer. He combines folk narratives with mournful country tunes and rhythmic rock numbers. The songs trace the frustrations of everyday life for the smalltown American male who dreams of the open road and for whom women seem only to exist as mothers or lovers. It is a world in which families represent either frustrated ambition or steadfast loyalty.

The same obsessions occur in Bruce Springsteen's repertoire, but Earle's country tones give them a bleaker, less grandiose feel. Both artists, though, raise the question of why British audiences, for whom roads mean congestion not freedom, take so much pleasure from America's cultural icons.

The answer lies in the way the subject matter stands out from more familiar themes, such as the conflicting pulls of freedom and security. Earle gives them musical form by playing off country conservatism against rock rebelliousness. The tension is best captured in his voice which is squeezed from his mouth, making the syllables elongate and the melody crack. It does not always work, but at its best Earle's voice gives a dignity to mundane experience and a sound to ordinary frustrations.

JOHN STREET

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WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 18

SAUBA
(c) The leaf-cutting ant, *Oecodoma cephalotes*, of tropical South America, from the Tupi word: "Large mounds of earth, forty yards in circumference, were the work of the saubas."

PANCHAYAT
(c) A village or town council, from the Sanskrit *panca* five: Kipling: "Create, further, councils other than the panchayats of headmen, village by village and district by district."

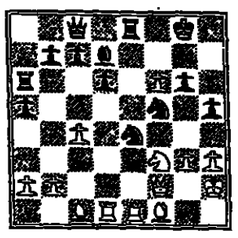
SKUDLER
(c) Also *scudler* and *scuddaler*, the leader of a band of maskers or guisers dressed up for fun and games on the Shetlands; Scott: "It angured well of the expedition if Mordaunt could be prevailed upon to undertake the office of skudler, or leader of the band."

BURDASH
(b) A fringed sash worn round the waist by ladies and gentlemen in the time of Queen Anne and George I, perhaps connected with *haberdash*: "A modern beau — cane, ruffles, sword-knot, burdash, hat, and feather."

WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene, Chess Correspondent

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adapted by PETER

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BBC 1

6.00 Ceefax
6.30 BBC Breakfast News
9.05 Around the World with Willy Fog (r) 9.35 Hartbeat. Art made fun by Tony Hart, Margot Wilson and Alison Millar
10.00 News, regional news and weather 10.05 Playdays (r) 10.25 Clockwise. Darren Day hosts the time-tussle quiz for three teams (r) 10.50 The O-Zone. Pop music magazine
11.00 News, regional news and weather
11.05 The High Chaparral. Classic western series. Buck falls in love with the head of a struggling freight company (r) 11.55 The History Man. Bryan McNerney visits Grimes Graves, a series of Neolithic flint mines in Norfolk (r)
12.00 News, regional news and weather 12.05 The Garden Party. Magazine from the Botanic Gardens, Glasgow. Today, Mavis Nicholson interviews Linda Lee-Potter of the *Daily Mail* and Leila Aitken shares some of her secrets of plant propagation. Music is provided by a children's band from Katowice in Poland 12.55 Regional News and weather
1.00 One O'Clock News and weather
1.30 Neighbours. (Ceefax) 1.50 Tastes of Wales: Pork and Beef. Gilli Davies meets a retired farmer from Gwent who thinks most of today's meat lacks flavour
2.20 Film: I'll Met By Moonlight (1958, b/w). Run-of-the-mill second world war adventure about two British officers who collude with Crete resistance fighters to kidnap a nazi general. Starring Dirk Bogarde, Marius Goring, David Oxley, directed by Michael Powell and Emeric Pressburger
4.05 Cartoon 4.10 The All New Popeye Show 4.30 The Really Wild Show. Terry Nutkins, Nicola Davies and Chris Packham discover why ladybirds have spots, why ants are so strong and how animals can see things we cannot (r). (Ceefax)
4.55 Newsround 5.05 Byker Grove. Episode seven of the 20-part drama serial set around a northeast youth centre (r). (Ceefax)
5.35 Neighbours. (r). (Ceefax) Northern Ireland: Sportswide 5.40 Inside Ulster
6.00 Six O'Clock News with John Humphrys and Jill Dando. Weather
6.30 Regional News Magazines. Northern Ireland: Neighbours
7.00 Good Sport. Paula Hamilton, John Fashanu and Jim Allen show sport can be fun. (Ceefax)
7.30 EastEnders. (Ceefax)
8.00 Waiting for God. Comedy series written by Michael Aitkens, starring Graham Crowden and Stephanie Cole as eccentric residents of a retirement village (r). (Ceefax)
8.30 The Doctor. Fly on the wall documentary following Yorkshire Dales doctor Barry Brewster during a year of his working life. Today he administers aid at the scene of a road accident before dropping in on a 93-year-old pneumonia patient. (Ceefax)
9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Michael Buerk. (Ceefax) Regional news and weather



Custody by violent means: Kenneth Welsh, right (9.30pm)

9.30 Love and Hate. Two-part Canadian mini-series based on the true and tragic story of a broken marriage. Kate Nelligan plays the battered wife, Kenneth Welsh is the violent husband who fights for custody of his children using underhand tactics and ultimately, brute force. The second part can be seen tomorrow at 9.30pm. (Ceefax)
11.05 Cagney and Lacey: The Clinic. Lacey is forced to question her ethical judgment when her son is involved in a fight. Starring Sharon Gless and Tyne Daly (r). (Ceefax)
11.55 Weather. Wales: News headlines and weather

BBC 2

6.45 Open University: X-Rays and Energy Levels 7.10 Driven Clean Away. Ends at 7.35
8.00 News
8.15 BC: The Archaeology of the Bible Lands. Magnus Magnusson charts the arrival of the Philistines and their encounters with the Egyptians and the Israelites (r)
8.45 Writers' Houses: Laurence Sterne Lived Here. Michael Frayn visits Shandy Hall, the home of Laurence Sterne
9.00 Catchword. Word-based game show hosted by Paul Coia (r)
9.30 Cricket: England v West Indies. Highlights (r)
10.00 The Magnificent Adventure. A film following competitors in the 27,000 mile Whitbread round-the-world yacht race (r)
11.05 He Who Dares: A Place Beyond Time. Harrowing re-enactment of the ordeal suffered by a Czech who was brainwashed over a period of nine months (r)
11.40 Off The Course. Gordon Hewitt in conversation with Sandy Lyle (r)
12.00 Bodyline. Continuing the drama about the historic 1932-33 English cricket tour of Australia (r). (Ceefax)
1.20 Johnson and Friends. Puppet series 1.30 Barney. Cartoon (r)
1.35 See Hear! Clive Mason and Maureen Denmark present the programme for the deaf community (r)
2.00 News and weather, followed by Seven Ages: Bossy Wee Things. Ron Eyre studies the behaviour of people between the ages of 25 and 40 (r). (Ceefax)
3.00 News and weather, followed by Women in Black. Three widows discuss surviving after bereavement (r). (Ceefax) 3.45 Derby/Lincoln Train Journey: A British Rail short (r) 3.50 News, weather and regional bulletins
4.00 Byways: Up the Garden Path — Kirby Hall. Film which follows an archaeological dig to discover the garden of Kirby Hall in Northamptonshire, once referred to as the finest in England (r)
4.30 How Euro Are You? Howard Hodgson asks whether we take training seriously enough in Britain (r) 5.00 When in Germany. Jeff Cook and Erika Neukirchen explore the city of Nuremberg (r)
5.30 Gardeners' World. Includes advice on making the most of a sloping garden (r)
6.00 Film: The Ladies' Man (1961). Comedy directed by and starring Jerry Lewis as a jilted bridegroom who vows to remain celibate — but finds it hard keeping his promise when he lands a job as a houseboy at a Hollywood boarding house for aspiring actresses
7.35 Bilko (b/w). Phil Silvers is the wisecracking sergeant this week attempting to market an anti-ageing tonic (r)
8.00 Hearsay: Is It a Fair Cop? Series of studio discussions, providing a television forum for Britain's black community. In the second programme Trevor Phillips asks police chiefs and black community representatives what can be done to improve their strained relationship. Among those taking part are Richard Wells, chief constable of South Yorkshire, and Richard Adams, the father of a murdered schoolboy. (Ceefax)



Black relations: chief constable Richard Wells (8.00pm)

8.30 Wildlife Showcase: Montecristo — A Paradise Lost?
● CHOICE: Fine underwater photography, full of startling coral colours, and much attendant fishy business are the distinguishing features of this first episode in a new season of natural history films. The island of Montecristo, made famous by Alexander Dumas, is now a protected nature reserve. It still seems idyllic, but closer inspection shows it to be as under threat as the rest of the Mediterranean. The island itself is under siege from a rogue tree, introduced by a British botanist, that has spread unchecked and threatens to over-run the last of the old oaks, all that remains of the former Mediterranean forest. In the surrounding waters, once pristine, the meadows of seagrass that support a complex network of marine life are dying from chemical pollution, as is the coral at a deeper level. For the aquaphobic, there are plenty of bad dream images, and more than enough slithery undulations to make one stick to the sun-lounger. (Ceefax)
9.00 Rab C. Nesbitt. Partially-successful anarchic comedy series starring Gregor Fisher (r). (Ceefax).
9.30 Horizon Special: Red Star In Orbit. The second programme in a three-part series about the Soviet manned space programme (r)
10.30 Newsnight
11.15 Jazz 625 (b/w). Featuring flugelhorn virtuoso Art Farmer in session with guitarist Jim Horn, bassist Steve Swallow and drummer Peter Lorocca 11.50 Weather

ITV

6.00 TV-am
9.25 Vicky the Viking. Cartoon 9.50 Regional News and weather
9.55 The Haunted School. Episode six of the eight-part drama starring Carol Drinkwater as an English governess living in the Australian outback (r) 10.25 Just for the Record. Record-breaking achievements — including the world's chilli-eating record
10.50 News and weather 10.55 Adventures on Kythera II. Episode two of the children's adventure set on a Greek island 11.25 Ox Tales 11.55 Thames News 12.00 Cartoon featuring Donald Duck 12.10 Rod, Jane and Freddy with songs and dances about magic (r)
12.30 News with John Suchet. Weather 1.10 Thames News and weather
1.20 Home and Away. (Oracle) 1.50 A Country Practice
2.20 Take the High Road. Drama series set in the Highlands 2.50 All Clued Up. Game show for married couples
3.15 ITN News headlines 3.20 Thames News headlines 3.25 Families. Soap linking the north of England with Australia
3.55 Thomas the Tank Engine and Friends (r) 4.00 Huxley Pig (r) 4.15 The Dreamstone. Animated adventures (r) 4.40 Children's Ward. Award-winning children's drama (r). (Oracle)
5.10 Blockbusters. General knowledge quiz for teenagers
5.40 News with Carol Barnes. (Oracle) Weather
5.55 Thames Help. Jackie Sprecidey continues her reports on nutrition
6.00 Home and Away (r). (Oracle)
6.30 Thames News and weather
7.00 Emmerdale. Agricultural soap set in the Yorkshire Dales. (Oracle)
7.30 The High Life. Continuing the series in which Anne Robinson samples the lifestyles of the rich and famous. This week nightclub owner Peter Stringfellow and government minister Alan Clark
8.00 The Bill: Crack Up. PC Hollis has a close encounter with a masked gunman in a pawn shop, but doesn't realise it. Only later do Lines's and Greig's investigations into the murder of a local policeman link the two crimes
8.30 The Best of Tommy Cooper. More highlights from the career of the much-loved comedy genius
9.00 The Equalizer. Edward Woodward stars as former CIA agent and New York avenging angel Robert McCall, this week investigating the deaths of several drunks after they have been picked up by senior paramedics
10.00 News at Ten with Alastair Burnet and Julia Somerville. (Oracle) Weather 10.30 Thames News and weather



A stroll through Iraq's history: Michael Wood (10.40pm)

10.40 Legacy.
● CHOICE: This is what used to be called a lantern lecture, revamped for telly, the one about the cradle of civilisation, you remember. Michael Wood's stroll through the earliest history and culture of what is now Iraq has a certain currency, as he is quick to remind us: pay attention, this is relevant, is his drift, all boyish pep. He also favours that old stand-by, the see-saw commentary: "The most gifted of civilisations and the most tragic," he intones with a keenness that gets lost somewhere in that yawning gulf between screen and sitting room couch. Groovy leisurewear and some greenish references mark Wood down as trendy, complete with a fashionable line in portentous cliché and jargon. "Small scale face to face communities" are referred to at one point apropos of something well BC, and the lesson — such as it is — is the one about the "wheel of history turning full circle". Nice pictures, though. (Oracle)
11.40 Prisoner: Cell Block H 12.30 Videoview with Mariella Frostrup
1.00 World Chess Championship. Raymond Keene, chess correspondent of *The Times*, presents play from the quarter-finals in Brussels 1.15 Duels of the Mind. Raymond Keene, again, with 12 of the most celebrated chess games of all time, this week focusing on the Larsen v Spassky match in Belgrade in 1970
1.45 Alfred Hitchcock Presents: Twisted Sister. A sorority house president plans to give a new girl an unpleasant lesson, but first she has to deal with a ghost (r)
2.10 Donahue. Phil Donahue hosts a confrontation between daughters-in-law and mothers-in-law
3.00 60 Minutes. American news and current affairs magazine
4.00 Entertainment UK. Up-to-the-minute guide to the best in film, theatre, dance and music from across the country
5.00 Three's Company. American sitcom starring John Ritter
5.30 ITN Morning News with Phil Roman. Ends at 6.00

CHANNEL 4

6.00 The Channel Four Daily
9.25 The Story of . . . Abba. Documentary profile of the Swedish group who shot to fame with "Waterloo" (r) 10.25 Famous for 4 Minutes
10.30 Crosstalk. Young people are given the chance to discuss topics that concern them (r)
11.00 Fragile Earth: Earth First. Documentary charting the progress of the battle to save Australia's Daintree rain forest
12.00 All the Waters: Adventures in Search of the Picturesque. Documentary series in which Julian Mitchell takes a rowing boat trip down the River Wye to recreate journeys made by the first tourists in the 18th century. Today he makes the trip from Monmouth to Tintern
12.30 Business Daily 1.00 Sesame Street (r)
2.00 Revelation. The second of two programmes exploring the appearance and development of the Christian church in Europe
2.30 Film: The Tunnel (1935, b/w). Sci-fi melodrama starring Richard Dix as an engineer who becomes obsessed with building a transatlantic tunnel. Directed by Maurice Elvey
4.15 Masterworks. Edward Mullins takes a detailed look at Guilio Romano's *The Madonna and Child*, hanging in the National Gallery of Scotland (r)
4.30 Countdown. The words and numbers game show hosted by Richard Whiteley
5.00 Owl TV. Michaela Strachan hosts the children's wildlife and environmental programme. Today's edition reports on the problems of the Barbary apes caused by over-feeding by tourists (r). (Teletext)
5.30 A Century of Childhood. Series exploring the changing experience of childhood in the 20th century (r). (Teletext)
6.00 Duet. Sitcom about an ill-matched couple living in Los Angeles
6.30 Happy Days. Comedy series set in Fifties Milwaukee
7.00 Channel 4 News with Nicholas Owen and Zeinab Badawi (Teletext) Weather 7.50 Comment
8.00 Opinions. Jan Urban, who was one of the first people to sign Charter 77, talks about his life in Czechoslovakia and how he helped to lead the country to its first free elections
8.30 Outside Time: A Prince Goes Hunting.
● CHOICE: Congratulations to someone for getting a commission out of C4 for a series on ancient Gaelic stories, not exactly the stuff of prime time, yet here it is, and here we go again, on that old heritage binge. Since most of the population agrees with Henry Ford, the subject of history needs careful handling on television, and it is usually left to seriously besuited geezers to coax us into a humbled stupor with their superior knowledge. That said, the mandarin approach wins hands down over the more democratic attempt to cadge our support: "People must know where they're coming from to know where they're going." Yes, but how far back, the squealing viewer might protest, not all the way back to *The Mabinogion*, surely? Fine, if it's well done, but, to judge from the clumsily dramatised excerpts seen here, it is hard to see this Welsh precursor to the Arthurian legend catching on, it really is



Early exposure of the BCCI scandal: Tariq Ali (9.00pm)

9.00 Bandung File Special: The BCCI Story — the Fraud of the Century? As far back as 1989 *Bandung File* screened an investigation into the bank's drug connections, and warned investors that their money was not safe. Tonight's report unravels the events which led to the closure of the bank and asks why the Bank of England waited so long to act and failed to warn investors
9.45 He-Play: The Lounge Bar. Short drama starring Harry Sinclair
10.00 Film: Mortgage (1989). Australian drama-documentary version of *Mr Blandings Builds His Dream House*. A young couple who want a home of their own become involved with cowboy builders. Starring Brian Vriends, Dons Younnane and Bruce Venables, directed by Bill Bennett
11.50 Dick Powell Theatre: Up Jumped the Devil. Dick Powell both hosts and stars in an occasional episode of the series that attracted some of the top stars, writers, producers and actors in Hollywood. This episode stars Otto Kruger and Hugh O'Brian in a story of corruption and deceit
12.45am Nancy Wilson Live At Carnegie Hall. Recorded at the JVC Jazz Festival in 1987. Ends at 1.40

ITV VARIATIONS

ANGLIA
As London except: 6.25pm-7.00 Anglia News 7.30-8.00 A Green Day Out 12.35 Murphy's Law 1.30 New Sessions 2.00 Entertainment UK 3.00 Music Special 4.00 The Peltier Merchants 4.30 Jack Thompson Down Under 5.00-5.30 A Green Day Out

BORDER
As London except: 2.20pm-2.50 Sons and Daughters 5.10-5.40 Home and Away 6.00 Lookaround Tuesday 6.30-7.00 Blockbusters 7.30-8.00 Way of the Lakes 11.40 North and South 1.30 Wrestling 2.30 Film: Houdini (Tony Curtis, Janet Leigh) 4.25 About Britain 4.55-5.30 Jobfinder

CENTRAL
As London except: 6.25pm-7.00 Central News 7.30-8.00 Survival — The First 30 Years 8.30-9.00 Family Pride 11.40 North and South 1.30 Ouch! 2.00 International Sportsworld 2.50 Special Squad 3.40 Cover Story (Dick Van Dyke) 4.10-5.30 Central Jobfinder '91

GRAMPIAN
As London except: 5.10pm-5.40 Home and Away 6.00 North Tonight 6.30-7.00 Take the High Road 7.30-8.00 Great British Isles 9.00-10.00 The Sweeney 11.40 North and South 1.30 Wrestling 2.30 Film: Houdini 4.25 About Britain 4.55-5.30 Jobfinder

GRANADA
As London except: 3.25pm-3.55 Sons and Daughters 6.30-7.00 Granada Tonight 7.30-8.00 Open Eye 9.00-10.00 In the Heat of the Night 11.40 North and South 1.30 Wrestling 2.30 Film: Houdini 4.25 About Britain 4.55-5.30 Jobfinder

HTV WEST
As London except: 1.50pm-2.20 The Sullivans 5.10-5.40 Home and Away 6.00 HTV News 6.30-7.00 Blockbusters 7.30-8.00 Jazzin' Around 9.00-10.00 The Sweeney

HTV WALES
As HTV West except: 6.00pm-6.30 Wales at Six 7.30-8.00 The Last Long Haul

TSW
As London except: 2.20pm-2.50 A Brush With Art 3.20-3.55 Home and Away 5.10-5.40 Families 6.00 TSW Today 6.30-7.00 Blockbusters 7.30-8.00 Way of the Lakes 11.40 North and South 1.30 Wrestling 2.30 Film: Houdini 4.25 About Britain 4.55 TSW Jobfinder 5.00-5.30 TSW Farming Week

TVS
As London except: 1.50pm-2.20 The Young Doctors 5.10-5.40 Home and Away 6.00 Coast to Coast 6.30-7.00 Blockbusters 7.30-8.00 The Green Life Guide 9.00-10.00 The Sweeney 11.40-12.30 Hardball

TYNE TEES
As London except: 1.50pm-2.20 That's History 5.10-5.40 Home and Away 6.00 Northern Life 6.30-7.00 Blockbusters 7.30-8.00 Talking Pictures 11.40 North and South 1.30 Wrestling 2.30 Film: Houdini 4.25 About Britain 4.55-5.30 Jobfinder

ULSTER
As London except: 1.50pm-2.20 Sons and Daughters 5.10-5.40 Home and Away 6.00 Six Tonight 6.30-7.00 A Levels — What Next? 7.30-8.00 Once Upon A Place 9.00-10.00 Gospel at the Grand Opera House 11.40 North and South 1.30 Wrestling 2.30 Film: Houdini 4.25 About Britain 4.55-5.30 Jobfinder

YORKSHIRE
As London except: 1.50pm-2.20 Daytime Green 5.10-5.40 Home and Away 6.00 Calendar 6.30-7.00 Blockbusters 7.30-8.00 Tad 11.40 L.A. Law Celebrates 100 Episodes 12.35 Crime Story 1.35 Video View 2.00 60 Minutes 2.55 Music Box 4.00 About Britain 4.30-5.30 Jobfinder

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RTE 1
Starts: 3.10pm News followed by Perry Mason 4.05 News followed by Kate and Allie 4.35 Clayhanger 5.30 A Country Practice 6.00 The Angelus 6.01 Six One 6.30 Charley Chase 6.35 Tom's Midnight Garden 7.05 Katts and Dog 7.30 Natural Selection 8.00 Jeeves and Wooster 9.00 News 9.20 Fuhrer The Seduction of a Nation 10.25 Lou Grant 11.15 News 11.25 Close

NETWORK 2
Starts: 3.30pm Bosco 4.00 Baber 4.25 Wizard of Oz 4.50 Mike and Angelo 5.10 Mighty Mouse and Friends 5.35 The Beachcombers 6.00 Garfield and Friends 6.25 Home and Away 6.55 Nuacht 7.00 Closed Mondays 7.05 Fleadhanna 7.30 Empty Nest 8.00 News followed by Streets of San Francisco 9.00 American Dreamer 9.25 News followed by Gabriel's Fire 10.25 Paul Gauguin's The Savage Dream 11.13 News 11.30 Close

SATELLITE

SKY ONE
● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites. 6.00am The DJ Kat Show 8.35 Mrs Pepperpot 8.55 Playabout 9.10 Cartoons 9.30 Mr Ed 10.00 The Lucy Show 10.30 The Young Doctors 11.00 The Bold and the Beautiful 11.30 The Young and the Restless 12.30pm Sale of the Century 1.00 True Confessions 1.30 Another World 2.20 Santa Barbara 2.45 Wife of the Week 3.15 The Brady Bunch 3.45 The DJ Kat Show 5.00 Different Strokes 5.30 Bewitched 6.00 Family Ties 6.30 Sale of the Century 7.00 Love at First Sight 7.30 Doctor, Doctor 8.00 Film: Bloodsport 10.00 Love at First Sight 10.30 Werewolf 11.00 Police Story 12.00 Monsters 12.30am Rowan and Martin's Laugh-In 1.00 Pages from Skytext

SKY NEWS
● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites. News on the hour
5.00am Sunrise 5.30 Newsline 9.30 Daytime 10.30 Beyond 2000 11.00 International Business Report 11.30 Daytime 12.30pm CBS News 1.30 CBS News 2.30 Getaway 3.30 Our World: Ark on the Move 4.30 Beyond 2000 5.00 Live at Five 6.30 Newsline 8.30 Target 10.30 Newsline 11.30 CBS News 12.30am Newsline 1.30 CBS News 2.30 Target 3.30 Our World 4.30 Target

SKY MOVIES+
● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites. 6.00am Showcase
10.00 The Three Musketeers (1973): Richard Lester's version of Alexandre Dumas's classic swashbuckling adventure
12.00 Project Timman (1988): A peace-loving android is kidnapped by the military
2.00pm Heartbreak Hotel (1988): The children of an ardent Elvis fan kidnap the King and bring him to their mother's sick bed. Starring Tuesday Weld, David Keith
4.00 Coward of the County (1981): Kenny Rogers stars as a preacher, whose brother is branded a coward for refusing to join the army during the second world war
5.40 Entertainment Tonight
6.00 Turner and Hooch (1989). Comedy-mystery starring Tom Hanks as a small town cop who teams up with a salivating dog, the only witness to a local murder
8.00 Getting It Right (1989): Comedy following the sexual awakening of a 31-year-old virgin. Starring Jesse Birdsall
10.00 Act of Piracy (1988): Mercenaries hijack a yacht bound for Australia
12.00 The Ultimate Warrior (1975): Two communes fight to the death in 21st century New York. Starring Yul Brynner
1.20am Chicago Joe and the Showgirl (1988): The fantasy world of an American GI and a teenage dancer in second world war London leads to murder. Starring Kiefer Sutherland and Emily Lloyd
2.55 The Chocolate War (1989): A Catholic schoolboy confronts his bullying headmaster and a powerful secret society
4.25 Body Rock (1984): A young man deserts his friends when he starts to make it big in the dance world. Ends at 6.00

THE MOVIE CHANNEL
● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites. 6.15am Five Golden Dragons (1967): A naive American is caught up in an international crime ring in Hong Kong
8.15 Yogi Bear and the Invasion of the Space Bears: Animated adventure
10.15 Personal Foul (1987). A woman threatens the friendship between a former convict and a teacher
12.15pm Mirage (1965, b/w): An amnesiac becomes the target for killers
2.15 The Great Northfields, Minnesota Raid (1972): Western in which Jesse James and friend team up for a bank raid
4.15 Yogi Bear and the Magic Flight of the Spruce Goose: Cartoon
6.15 The Long Road Home (1990): An American migrant worker's struggle for his rights during the Depression. Starring Mark Harmon
8.10 A Cry in the Dark (1988): Meryl Streep stars in this dramatisation of Australia's notorious "Dingo Baby" case
10.15 Betrayed (1988): An FBI agent (Debra Winger) goes undercover to investigate white supremacists
12.25am Scenes from the Class Struggle in Beverly Hills (1989): Sex comedy featuring the outrageous bed-hopping of the Beverly Hills rich. Starring Jacqueline Bisset
2.10 The Prince of Pennsylvania (1988): An unconventional young man tries to "find himself" with the help, and hindrance, of his equally unconventional dad
3.45 L.A. Bounty (1989): A bounty hunter (Sybil Danning) hunts down a drug baron (Wings Hauser) who has kidnapped a political candidate. Ends at 5.05

SKY SPORTS
● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites. 1.00pm Tuff Trax 2.00 Test Match Cricket England v West Indies 4.00 Superbouts 5.00 Power Hour Wrestling 6.00 Torque 7.00 Watersports 8.00 Sky Soccer: Charity Shield 10.00 The Wimbledon Men's Doubles Final 12.00 Sky Soccer: Charity Shield

EUROSPORT
● Via the Astra satellite.
1.00pm Cycling: World Championships from Stuttgart 3.00 Athletics: Road to Tokyo 5.00 Petanque Mundial from Marseille 5.30 Sailing: Admiral's Cup 6.00 Cycling from Stuttgart 6.30 Eurosport News 7.00 Cycling from Stuttgart 7.30 Motor Racing 8.30 Cycling: Tour of The Netherlands: World Championships from Stuttgart 10.30 Eurosport News

SCREENSPORT
● Via the Astra satellite.
7.00am FIA World Rally Championships 8.00 Sport de France 8.30 Motor Sport 9.00 Kick-Boxing 10.00 USWA Wrestling 11.00 ATP/IBM Tennis Tour 12.30pm Gillette World Sport Special 1.00 Volvo PGA European Golf Tour 2.00 World Professional Billiards 3.00 Equestrianism 3.30 Fight Night at the Forum 5.00 Offshore Powerboat Racing 6.00 Pro Superbike 6.30 Moto News 7.00 German Bundesliga Tennis 8.00 Athletics 10.00 Powersports International 11.00 World Snooker Classics

LIFESTYLE
● Via the Astra satellite.
10.00am The Great American Gameshows 11.15 Coffee Break 11.20 Everyday Workout 11.50 Great Chefs of San Francisco 12.15pm Sally Jessy Raphael 1.05 Body Talk 1.10 Search for Tomorrow 1.40 The Edge of Night 2.05 Divorce Court 2.30 Lifestyle Plus 2.40 Focus on Britain 3.10 Whos Shadow 4.00 Tea Break 4.10 The Betty White Show 4.40 The Great American Gameshows 5.00 The Sell-a-Vision Shopping Programme 8.00 Close 10.00 The Sell-a-Vision Shopping Programme 12.00 Satellite Jukebox

MTV
● Via the Astra satellite.
Twenty-four hours of rock and pop

RADIO 3

6.35-6.55am Open University (FM only) 6.55 Weather; News
7.00 Morning Concert: Grieg (Two Melodies, Op 53); Poulenc (Concerto in D minor for two pianos and orchestra)
7.30 News
7.35 Morning Concert (cont): R. Strauss (Don Juan, Op 20); Dvorák (Romance in F minor, Op 11); Janáček (Sinfonietta)
8.30 News
8.35 Composers of the Week: Purcell (Funeral Music for Queen Mary; Funeral Sentences, Man That is Born of a Woman; In the Midst of Life; Thou Knowest, Lord; Fantasia No 13, Upon One Note; I Was Glad, 1685; Fantasia No 14, In Nomine No 1; Fantasia No 15, In Nomine No 2; Remember Not, Lord, Our Offences; Hear My Prayer, O Lord)
9.35 Switzerland: The 700th anniversary of the Swiss Confederation. Senfl (Carmen in Re); Rossini (Overture, William Tell); Stalder (Symphony No 5 in G); Fröhlich (Sonnenschein; Aus der Ferne); Honegger (Pastorale d'été); Liszt (Pastorale; Au bord d'une source; Les Cloches de Genève, Années de Pèlerinage); Frank Martin (Harpsichord Concerto); Schoeck (Serenade, Op 1); Schumann (Overture, Manfred); Schubert (Gesang der Geister über den Wassern); Stravinsky (Movements from The Soldier's Tale)
11.35 BBC PO under Edward Downes, with Penelope Walker, mezzo, performs Respighi (Ballata delle gnomidi); Wagner (Wesendonk Lieder); Louis Glass (Symphony No 3) (r)
1.00pm News
1.05 Mozart Summer: Peter Frankl and Tamás Vásáry, piano duet, perform Schubert (Allegro in A minor, D 947); Mozart (Sonata in F, K 497) (r)
1.55 The Making of Morning Heroes: John Westbrook narrates the story of how Arthur Bliss's composition grew out of his own bitter experiences in the first world war
2.40 Bliss — Morning Heroes: Oxford Bach Choir, Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra under Christopher Robinson perform the choral symphony which Arthur Bliss wrote as a tribute to those who died in the first world war
3.45 Paris International Guitar Week 1990: The guitarist Alvaro Pierri plays G. Couroupos (Secrets d'une guitare solitaire); Federico Moreno Torroba (Sonatine); François Dompierre (Nocturne); Egberto Gismonti (Agua e Vinho — Central Guitar); Villa-Lobos (Choro No 1)
4.30 Endymion Ensemble performs Mendelssohn (Concert Piece No 1 in F minor, Op 113); Poulenc (Sonata for clarinet and bassoon); Lovreglio (Fantasy on Themes from La Traviata, Op 45); Dutilleux (Sarabande et cortège); Glinka (Trio pathétique in D minor) (r)
5.30 Mainly for Pleasure 7.00 News
7.05 Spectrum: A Model Hedgehog. Colin Tudge talks to Professor John Krebs about his studies of the interactions between agriculture and ecology (r)
7.30 Proms 1991: Live from the Albert Hall, London. RLPO under Libor Pesek performs Elgar (Cello Concerto in E minor: Ralph Kirshbaum). 8.00 Libor Pesek talks to Michael Hall. 8.20 Suk (Asrael Symphony)
9.35 Drama Now — Divine Comedies: Purgatory
● CHOICE: Ace is a gay pushbike messenger who has perished beneath the wheels of a newspaper van in time to make the last edition, McDougal a drunk who committed suicide, and Mrs Sadie Potemkin ("no relation to the battleship") is a deceased Jewish lady, in Marcy Kahan's one-act comedy. As they await the Last Judgment they recall their earthly problems before making their way to the tribunal in Room 501. It's not quite how they imagined it, though. Miriam Karlin, Bill Paterson and Stuart Milligan bring it all off with great relish
10.00 Celebrity Recital: The pianist John Lill plays Rachmaninov (Etudes-tableaux, Op 39); Prokofiev (Sonata No 9 in C, Op 103) (r)
11.10 O Fio: A repeat of Martin Butler's commission in its first performance at yesterday's Proms 11.30 News
11.35-12.35am Composers of the Week: Mendelssohn (r)

RADIO 4

(s) Stereo on FM
5.55am Shipping Forecast 6.00 News Briefing, incl 6.03 Weather 6.10 Farming Today 6.25 Prayer for the Day 6.30 Today, incl 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 News 8.56, 7.55 Weather
8.43 Down With Skool! and How to be Topp, by Geoffrey Willans and Ronald Searle. Read by Griff Rhys Jones (1 of 7) 8.58 Weather
9.00 News
9.05 Call Nick Ross: 071-580 4411
10.00 News; Medicine Now, with Geoff Watts
10.30 Morning Story: Wealth Surrendered, by Rabindranath Tagore. Read by Renu Setha
10.45 Daily Service (s)
11.00 News; A Secular Ceremony: The Naming. Chris Dunkley analyses the secular alternative to the traditional baptism service as society becomes progressively non-religious (3 of 4) (s) (r)
11.25 From Our Own Correspondent: Reflections of life and politics abroad
11.50 Cherry Blossom Blues: Bitter Bit, The first of five talks by the Swansea writer Alun Richards on his experiences of life in Japan
12.00 News; You and Yours
12.25pm Looking Forward to the Past: Robert Booth peruses the past for a light-hearted conversation about history with Victoria Glendinning, Julian Mitchell, Rosalind Miles and Simon Raven (3 of 8) (s) 12.55 Weather
1.00 The World at One
1.40 The Archers (r) 1.55 Shipping
2.00 News; Woman's Hour: Karen Deco examines how parents react to the sexual awakening of their children
3.00 News; Thirty-Minute Theatre: The Morning of the Wedding, by Perry Pontac. On the eve of her wedding, Phyllida (Branda Blethyn) broods about her dull husband-to-be, until a burglar called Knuckles (Trevor Peacock) enters her home (s)
3.32 The Tingle Factor: Robin Ray asks Jill Gomez about the moments in music which send a shiver down her spine (s)
4.00 News
4.05 Age to Age: As our towns and cities face increasing traffic congestion, Graham Hoyland considers the days when the motor car was a rich man's luxury. Plus Barry Cunliffe on the sinister side of *Dad's Army*
4.30 Kaleidoscope: Michael Goldfarb reviews the new Arnold Schwarzenegger vehicle *Terminator 2*; the novelist Roddy Doyle talks about his new book *The Van*; and a look at the life of the Victorian explorer Augustus Pitt Rivers (s)
5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast 5.55 Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News; Financial Report
6.30 The Million Pound Radio Show: Comedy show written and presented by Andy Hamilton and Nick Revell (s) (r)
7.00 News
7.05 The Archers
7.20 The Revelation: Award-winning drama taken from the last book of the Bible. With Derek Jacobi as St John the Divine (s) (r)
8.00 Science Now (r)
8.30 Eva and Adamson: Leonard Barnes reads one of his stories from a fictional marriage
8.45 In Touch: The magazine for the visually handicapped tells the story of Gohar Kordi, Iran's first blind woman university student
9.15 Kaleidoscope (s) (r)
9.45 The Financial World Tonight (s) 9.59 Weather
10.00 The World Tonight, with Robin Lustig (s)
10.45 A Book at Bedtime: Growing Up with Grandma. *Nature Study* is the second of five short stories by Hamish Whiteley. Read by Richard Pearce
11.00 Remembering Tomorrow: A Life in Welsh. Kate Fenton visits Dic Jones on his Cardiganshire farm, a Bardd Gwylad (local versifier), whose poems are recited throughout Welsh-speaking Wales (s) (r)
11.30 Ulysses, by James Joyce (10 of 16)
12.00-12.30am News, incl 12.27 Weather 12.33 Shipping Forecast

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RADIO 1
FM Stereo and MW. 4.00am Neale James (FM only) 6.00 Gary King 9.00 Bates's Motel: Pet Shop Boys 11.00 The Radio 1 Roadshow from St Austell 12.30pm Newsbeat 12.45 Gary Davies: Lei's Do Lunch 3.00 Steve Wright in the Afternoon 5.30 News '91 6.00 Jakki Brambles 7.30 Mark Goodier's Evening Session 9.00 The Elvis Enigma 10.00 Nicky Campbell Goes into the Night 12.00-4.00am Andy Peebles (FM only)

RADIO 2
FM Stereo. 4.00am Steve Madden: The Early Show 6.00 Ken Bruce 7.30 Derek James: 1991 Bunker Breakout from Rhyl in north Wales 9.30 Bob Holness 11.00 Eve Pollard 1.05pm David Jacobs 2.00 Gloria Hunniford 4.00 Sarah Kennedy 5.05 John Dunn's Answers Please 7.00 The Marx Brothers' Flywheel, Shyster and Flywheel (r) 7.30 Steve Race 9.00 Mr Guitar: The Bert Weedon Story 10.00 Chris Stuart 12.05am Jazz Parade 12.35 Bill Rennells with Night Ride 3.00-4.00 A Little Night Music

RADIO 5
6.00am World Service. News and 24 Hours 6.30 Morning Edition, incl at 6.30, 7.00, 8.00, 8.30, 9.00, News; Sport 9.00 Take Five 10.25 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 10.40 Sound Advice: Waste and rubbish. Tel: 0345 909693, incl at 11.00, 12.00 News; Sport 12.30pm The Aviators: Engineers (2 of 4) 1.00 News and Sport; 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 (r) 1.20 Music Mix, incl at 2.00 News; Sport 2.30 World Service, incl at 3.00 News; Sport 4.00 News; Sport 4.05 The Overseas Chinese 4.35 Five Aside, incl 5.00, 6.00, 7.00 News; Sport 7.20 Matilda, by Roald Dahl (2 of 10) 7.35 The Legendary Series: Sir Perceval. First of a six-part series in which a reluctant narrator spends a day

Enquiry into police shooting

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attempted to revive him by heart massage until the ambulance arrived. He was dead on arrival.

Mr Atkinson said that Mr Gordon had in fact been armed with an unloaded air pistol which was a realistic-looking weapon. Mr Gordon had a number of previous convictions and a history of psychiatric problems from a young age for which he had been treated at a local hospital many times over the past few years. He had also been in court for a variety of offences, mainly public order offences and one drugs offence.

Mr Atkinson said police had traced a witness who claimed to have heard someone saying at the time of the shooting that the gun was a toy. But another witness clearly recalled the police officers pleading with Mr Gordon to put down his gun and his reply: "You are dead, you are dead."

Mr Atkinson said the officers were 15 ft away from Mr Gordon when they opened fire. He had been hit twice in the front of his body. The officers involved were extremely saddened and West Mercia police offered their sincere condolences to Mr Gordon's family.

Mr Atkinson and Karamjit Singh, from the Police Complaints Authority, talked to a group of angry coloured youths who had gathered near the building that armed police were searching. Mr Atkinson said that he had told them that the inquiry would be full and impartial.

Elvis Gordon said he was amazed and disgusted at his brother's shooting. Mr Gordon, a member of Wolverhampton Judo Club, said: "I hope there will be a full investigation. What I want to know is did he fire a shot? If the police are going to shoot, they should shoot to maim and not to kill. Ian is a bit hyper, he can't keep still, but I don't see him doing anything like this."



Taking aim: police marksmen lay siege to a psychiatric centre where they believed an armed man was hiding after the shooting of Mr Gordon

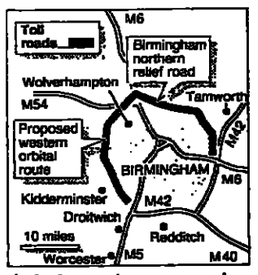
Motorists will pay £1.50 to travel modern turnpike

By Michael Dynes, Transport Correspondent

MOTORISTS will be charged £1.50 to use the proposed Birmingham Northern Relief Road, the first toll road to be built in Britain since the nineteenth century, the transport secretary Malcolm Rifkind announced yesterday.

The £260 million contract to build the 30-mile three lane motorway has been awarded to Midland Expressway, a consortium made up of Trafalgar House, the international construction and transport company, and Italstat, one of Europe's largest toll road operators.

The road , which roughly follows the route outlined in the public sector scheme, will leave the M6 at junction 4, circle the north eastern section of congested Birmingham and rejoin the M6 at junction 11. Work should be completed in 1997. The £260 million scheme includes £13 million for minimising the environmental impact. Public consultation is expected to begin within a few weeks. The relief road will connect with the proposed Western Orbital Route, from the M5 near Kidderminster to the M54 north of Wolverhampton, which is also to be built by the private sector.



Britain's first toll roads, known as turnpikes, were introduced in the seventeenth century. A barrier of spears or pikes across the road prevented horsemen from passing without paying a toll. The system was, however, universally unpopular, and was abandoned after riots in South Wales in 1843.

The revival of toll roads is the first breach in the long-established principle that roads should be free at the point of use.

Defending the government's policy, Mr Rifkind said: "The fact that we have been able to reach agreement with the private sector for an overland route is a great step forward in the provision of private financed capacity in the road network."

The AA attacked his announcement as "archaic, unfair, and a piece of sharp practice". Simon Dyer, the AA's director general, said the government was turning the clock back 100 years.

Richard Diment, the deputy director of the British Road Federation, said Britain had got so far behind in road investment in the past 30 years "that we now have no option but to find new ways of supplementing public investment."

Peter Snape, Labour's transport spokesman, said that the government's obsession with ideological dogma meant that the new road would open four years later than planned.

Price cartels to face court fight

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to £31 million during the 1980s when the cartels were at their most damaging.

The Association of Metropolitan Authorities has circulated the chief executives of all its members with details of the Manchester investigation and asked them to help "counter the collusion which is known to exist in the building materials industry".

Manchester's action comes in the wake of an initiative by the Office of Fair Trading which earlier this year organised seminars and published a guide to help councils. Sir Gordon Borrie, director general of fair trading, told *The Times* that he would welcome court action. "A damages action for substantial sums by local authorities which have got big contracts for big money could have an excellent ripple effect. It might encourage other local authorities to do likewise and jump on the bandwagon and would also act as a more powerful deterrent to those who engage in these practices"

The OFT is eager for the councils to act because its powers are limited. After uncovering a cartel, it can take the participating companies to the Restrictive Practices Court and demand undertakings that they cease their "pernicious activities".

But the companies cannot be fined unless they repeat the offence and only a handful have been caught doing so. Sir Gordon has been vainly seeking powers similar to the European Commission's DG4 "cartel-breaking" unit, which can raid companies, seize documents and fine the guilty up to 10 per cent of their annual turnover.

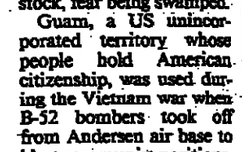
The OFT has succeeded in uncovering cartels among suppliers of ready-mixed concrete, road surface materials, fuel oils, steel roofing supports and insulation materials.

In most cases, local authorities – with an annual spending power of £10 billion in England, Scotland and Wales, or £180 for every man, woman and child – have been the biggest losers, creating an unnecessary extra burden for their taxpayers.

Ken Barnes, chairman of Manchester's direct works committee, said: "We didn't have a clue that we were being ripped off until the OFT uncovered the cartel. We are seeking redress in the courts but we are up against large companies with a great deal of money."

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Celebrations as Japan hits the beaches again



YOUNG Japanese tourists mix with revellers at the Liberation Carnival in Guam's Ypao Beach Park, gambling on beto-beto, guzzling Pepsi, listening to Madonna lookalikes and riding stomach-churning roller coasters. They are unaware or uncaring that what the pretty Chamorro girls and their long-haired boyfriends are celebrating – officially at least – is this Pacific island's liberation from Japan.

Guam, a former Spanish possession seized by America during the Spanish-American war, was captured in a surprise attack by Japanese forces on December 8, 1941, the day that Hirohito's aircraft struck Pearl Harbor. The island was liberated in the summer of 1944.

Nowadays, tens of thousands of Japanese package visitors frolic on the beaches, staying in glitzy high-priced hotels with names like Pacific Star and Dai-Ichi, or in swish new condominiums. They tour the island by Nippon rent-a-car, visiting the karaoke bars and nightclubs and checking out the best sushi restaurants in their own newspaper.

The Japanese are well and truly back.

Almost a million tourists will visit Guam this year, 90 per cent of them Japanese, and numbers would have reached a million but for the Gulf War downturn. People are getting rich, and the Guamain authorities want still more.

Liberation Day celebrations were normally held more discreetly elsewhere on the 212-square-mile island but because of road construction they were moved this year alongside the tourist hotels. This prompted letters to the *Pacific Daily News* suggesting that the juxtaposition was insensitive.

"But the Japanese don't care" said an Australian from Brisbane who says he earns £45 an hour driving a taxi here. "It's a new generation, with no memory of the war and all they want to do is have fun."

At least these Japanese, for whom Guam is a mini America, three hours away by plane, don't seem to mind laughing at themselves. At a kitschy South Seas Show at the Hilton, Japanese couples watch lovely Chamorro girls in grass skirts dance the sensuous *iamure*. Then the dads don native garb for a 'rock-a-hula' contest. "And the winner is Suzuki-san", the girl compere cries, greeting a bespectacled, beaming salaryman ludicrously clad in a grass skirt.

There may be a new Japanese invasion but at this stage it does not look menacing – just a little inconvenient. The government is closing off some beaches so that they can build hotels for the Japanese trade.

The American decision to foresake Clarke air base in the Philippines, partly because of the eruption of Mount Pinotubo, is having a spin-off in this strategic US territory, the most important nuclear weapons storage area in the Western Pacific. One third of the island is already occupied by US military installations, including the rugged nuclear storage areas protected by laser detection devices, where wild pigs roam and the Guamain government wants to cut military sites.

It also does not want skilled Filipino workers to come. A quarter of the 140,000 population is now from the Philippines and the Chamorros, who are 40 per cent and of mixed Micronesian and Spanish stock, fear being swamped.

Guam, a US unincorporated territory whose people hold American citizenship, was used during the Vietnam war when B-52 bombers took off from Andersen air base to blast communist positions. In recent years Guam's civilian economy has taken off, surpassing the military economic sector based mainly on a number of US military bases now housing about 16,000 personnel and dependents.

So far, the Americans have indicated they only plan to send about 200 specialist technicians here from Clarke and that is fine as far as the Guamians are concerned. It means more land for new hotels and free-spending Japanese salarymen.

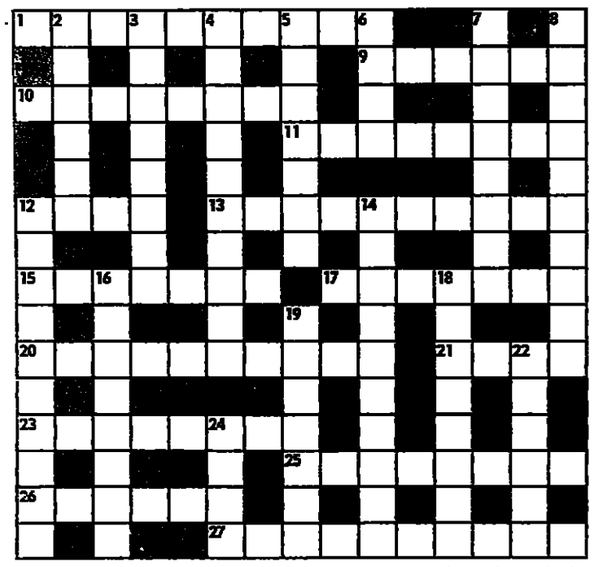
James Pringle

TOMORROW IN THE TIMES

The Gulf war and increased competition from the 24-hour Cable News Network have taken their toll on America's traditional televised network news. Costs are soaring, ratings are tumbling. The networks' response – cutting staff and turning with a vengeance towards "info-tainment" – may soon be followed by cash-starved British news outfits. News magazines draw high ratings for little money.

Would reality-based programming, which uses real life as entertainment rather than fiction, work in Britain? Should it be allowed to? On the Media Page tomorrow, James Bone looks at reality TV and its implications

THE TIMES CROSSWORD PUZZLE NO 18,683



ACROSS

1 Sort of lunch a peer provided for a shoemaker (10).
9 Priest, an unknown one, has sovereign remedy (6).
10 Militant sees beginning of play and most of "Panorama" (8).
11 Protection provided by many in an armed vessel (8).
12 Tract where gold is found after a short time (4).
13 Mineral compound occurring in parts of Rhone (10).
15 Awkwardly takes exercise in popular part of Cambs (7).
17 Disorder came with the knife (7).
20 Moving abroad. English fighter meets leading seaman coming back (10).
21 Man's device for correcting vision (4).
23 Doctor's husband has employment in the sultanate (8).
25 A game a soldier took part in, in the defence (8).
26 Euterpe's, perhaps, gives rise to merriment (6).
27 In print, her witty saying introduced Mrs Henry Dashwood, for one (10).

DOWN

2 Sued small company, perhaps, for cash in Lisbon (6).
3 Bit of a downfall for a fashionable doctor involved in royal operation (8).
4 Fur sported by Greek character upset everyone around island (10).
5 A nincompoop swallowing new port (7).
6 Parsimonious approach (4).
7 At this rate, we'll be able to swap currencies! (8).
8 Cassandra's supporters? He set out to divide them (10).
12 Workers accept support and make for the town (10).
14 Soldiers in assault after brigadier's initial aberration (10).
16 Scanty team go around university in eastern States (8).
18 Sir Rowland did battle, some say, at this stronghold (4-4).
19 Tender nail – new one appearing (7).
22 Countryman having tea, we hear, in simple surroundings (6).
24 Graduate's introduction to Secret Service (4).

Solution to Puzzle No 18,682

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WORD-WATCHING

A daily safari through the language jungle. Which of the possible definitions is correct?

By Philip Howard

SAUBA
a. A Moroccan embroidered slipper
b. Roman soap
c. A leaf-carrying ant

PANCHAVAT
a. A mountain brigand
b. The Buddhist Hell
c. A town council

SKUDLER
a. A poisonous lizard
b. A ship's cook
c. Leader of guisers

BURDASH
a. A cornfield weed
b. A fringed sash
c. A square bracket

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AA ROADWATCH

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WEATHER

Scotland, Northern Ireland and northern-most counties of England will be rather cloudy but with sunny intervals, especially in the East. North and northwest Scotland will have occasional rain while England and Wales will start mainly dry but with some rain spreading to the South-West and North-East. Eastern counties will stay mainly bright. Outlook: rain clearing south-eastwards but reaching the North-West later.

ABROAD

MIDDAY: b=thunder; d=drizzle; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain

	C	F			C	F	
Ajaccio	27	81	f	Luxor	38	100	s
Akrotiri	33	91	s	Madrid	30	86	s
Alex'dria	30	86	s	Majorca	25	77	f
Algiers	28	82	f	Malaga	28	79	s
Amst'dm	19	66	s	Malta	31	88	s
Athens	35	95	s	Mello'rne	15	59	s
Bahrain	35	95	s	Miami*	33	91	r
Bangkok	31	88	f	Milan	29	84	s
Barbads*	30	86	f	Montreal*	23	73	r
Barcelna	27	81	f	Moscow	18	64	c
Beirut	28	82	f	Munich	25	77	s
Belgrade	29	84	s	Nairobi	21	70	c
Berlin	22	72	f	Naples	30	86	s
Bermuda*	31	88	s	N York*	25	79	c
Biarritz	24	75	s	Nice	26	79	f
Borde'x	30	86	f	Oslo	19	66	r
Brussels	21	70	f	Paris	20	68	c
Budapst	21	70	f	Peking	32	90	c
B Aires*	11	52	f	Perth	15	59	s
Cairo	35	95	s	Prague	17	63	r
Capo Tn	23	74	s	Reykjavik	12	54	s
Chicago*	28	82	s	Rhodes	33	91	s
Ch'church	10	50	f	Rio de J	23	73	c
Cologne	21	70	f	Riyadh	40	104	s
C'phagn	19	66	f	Rome	28	84	s
Corfu	34	93	s	Salzburg	22	72	t
Dublin	15	59	c	S F'risco*	19	66	s
Dubrovnik	30	86	s	Santiago*	13	55	s
Faro	32	90	s	S Paulo*	16	61	c
Florence	31	88	f	Seoul	31	88	f
Frankfurt	23	73	f	Sing'por	32	90	f
Funchal	25	77	s	St'kholm	18	61	f
Geneva	28	82	t	Straeb'rg	28	82	f
Gibraltar	28	79	f	Sydney	16	61	s
Helsinki	15	59	c	Tangier	30	86	s
Hong K	28	79	c	Tel Aviv	30	86	s
Innsbrck	27	81	f	Tenerife	25	77	s
Istanbul	30	86	s	Tokyo	30	86	f
Jeddah	34	93	s	Toronto*	27	81	s
Jo'burg*	17	63	s	Tunis	36	97	f
Karachi	32	90	f	Valencia	29	84	s
L Palmas	26	79	s	Vanc'ver*	15	59	c
Le Tquet	21	70	f	Venice	31	88	s
Lisbon	32	90	s	Vienna	29	84	c
Locarno	28	82	f	Warsaw	21	70	f
London	22	72	f	Wash'ton*	29	84	s
L Angels*	23	73	s	Wel'nton	13	55	r
Luxembg	20	68	c	Zurich	25	77	s

* denotes figures are latest available

BANK RATES

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.27	2.12
Austria Sch	21.85	20.15
Belgium Fr	63.15	59.15
Canada $	2.055	1.905
Denmark Kr	11.85	11.11
Finland Mkk	7.49	7.04
France Fr	10.36	9.71
Germany Dm	3.06	2.86
Greece Dr	334.00	314.00
Hong Kong $	13.80	12.80
Ireland Pt	1.144	1.074
Italy Lira	2300.00	2150.00
Japan Yen	248.00	230.00
Netherlands Gld	3.445	3.225
Norway Kr	12.01	11.21
Portugal Esc	262.75	244.75
South Africa Rd	5.40	4.80
Spain Pta	190.00	177.00
Sweden Kr	11.17	10.42
Switzerland Fr	2.67	2.50
Turkey Lira	8100.00	7300.00
USA $	1.79	1.665
Yugoslavia Dnr	DNB	40.00

Rates for small denomination bank only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques.

GLASGOW

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 17C (63F); min 6pm to 8am, 11C (52F). Rain: 24hr to 6pm, trace. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 2.1 hr.

AROUND BRITAIN

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	5.8	-	19	66	cloudy
Anglesey	4.7	-	18	64	bright
Belfast	4.0	.01	18	64	shower
Birmingham	1.8	-	21	70	rain
Blackpool	2.8	-	19	66	bright
Bournemouth	2.2	-	21	70	cloudy
Brighton	1.1	-	18	64	cloudy
Bristol	0.1	.02	20	68	drizzle
Buxton	3.4	.19	18	64	bright
Cardiff	0.6	.14	18	64	rain
Cromer	0.3	-	21	70	dull
Douglas	2.2	.01	19	66	bright
Eastbourne	2.7	-	19	66	cloudy
Edinburgh	5.6	-	19	66	bright
Eskdalemuir	8.8	-	17	63	sunny
Exmouth	2.3	-	21	70	cloudy
Glasgow	6.0	.01	17	63	shower
Guernsey	-	-	19	66	cloudy
Hastings	1.3	-	19	66	cloudy
Hunstanton	0.7	-	22	72	cloudy
Jersey	-	-	19	66	cloudy
Kinloss	4.5	.38	18	64	shower
Leeds	5.1	.01	20	68	sunny
Lerwick	3.0	.48	13	55	shower
London	1.7	-	22	72	cloudy
Lowestoft	1.3	-	22	72	cloudy
Manchester	3.1	.01	20	68	bright
Morecambe	4.6	.09	18	64	sunny
Newquay	-	.07	17	63	drizzle
Nottingham	1.4	-	21	70	cloudy
Penzance	0.1	.07	19	66	rain
Plymouth	-	.02	17	63	drizzle
Poole	2.0	-	23	73	cloudy
Sandown	2.8	-	20	68	cloudy
Scarborough	3.0	-	21	70	sunny
Scilly Isles	-	.14	17	63	rain
Southend	1.4	-	22	72	cloudy
Southsea	2.3	-	21	70	cloudy
Swanage	1.2	-	19	66	cloudy
Teignmouth	2.4	-	21	70	cloudy
Tenby	2.5	-	20	68	sunny
Torquay	2.1	-	24	75	cloudy
Weymouth	2.1	-	19	66	cloudy
Worthing	2.0	-	20	68	cloudy

Sunday's figures are latest available

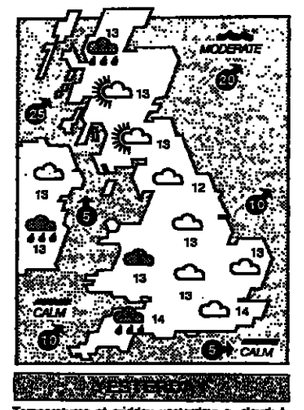
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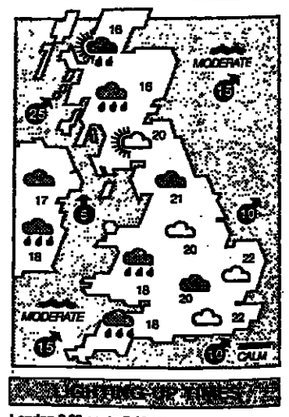
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TEMPERATURES

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

	C	F			C	F	
Belfast	15	59	f	Guernsey	18	64	f
B'mgham	19	66	f	Inverness	16	61	c
Blackpool	16	61	c	Jersey	20	68	c
Bristol	19	66	f	London	22	72	f
Cardiff	20	68	s	M'nchster	16	61	c
Edinburgh	17	63	f	Newcastle	17	63	c
Glasgow	16	61	c	R'nldsway	16	61	f

HIGHEST & LOWEST

Sunday: Highest day temp: Wattisham, Suffolk, 23C (73F); lowest day max: Lerwick, Shetland, and Fair Isle, Shetland, 13C (55F); highest rainfall: Sella Ness, Shetland, 0.75 in; highest sunshine: Leuchars, Fife, 9.3 hr.

TIDES

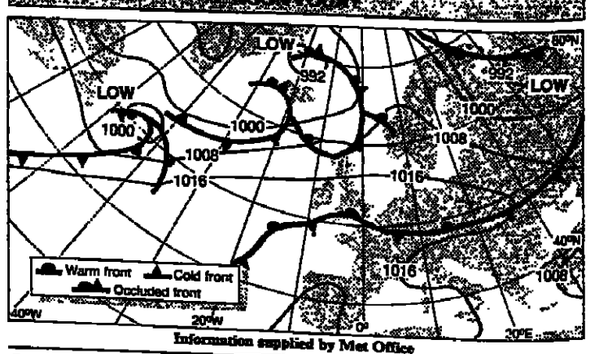
TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	4.48	7.5	5.02	7.4
Aberdeen	3.57	4.6	4.36	4.2
Avonmouth	10.18	13.6	10.34	13.7
Belfast	10.03	12.6	10.19	12.6
Cardiff	9.48	12.6	10.04	12.6
Devonport	8.55	5.5	9.07	5.6
Dover	1.45	6.7	2.03	6.9
Falmouth	8.25	5.3	8.37	5.4
Glasgow	3.24	5.4	4.01	4.8
Harwich	2.41	4.2	2.54	4.2
Holyhead	12.54	8.0	1.21	5.5
Hull	9.02	8.1	9.39	7.5
Ilfracombe	9.04	9.04	9.22	9.5
King's Lynn	9.19	7.2	9.58	6.6
Leith	5.23	5.8	5.51	5.8

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
Liverpool	1.58	10.0	2.20	9.5
Lowestoft	12.20	2.4	12.13	2.7
Margate	3.04	4.8	3.08	4.9
Milford Haven	9.12	7.1	9.30	7.2
Newquay	8.03	7.1	8.21	7.2
Oban	8.44	3.9	8.50	4.0
Penzance	7.58	5.6	8.10	5.7
Portland	10.09	2.3	10.16	2.4
Portsmouth	2.03	4.8	2.50	4.8
Shoreham	1.58	6.4	2.25	6.5
Southampton	1.29	4.6	1.59	4.7
Swansea	8.22	9.6	9.39	9.7
Tees	6.29	5.8	7.01	5.4
W'ton-on-Nze	2.34	4.4	2.45	4.4

Tide in metres: 1m=3.280ft.

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LIGHTING UP TIMES

London 8.28 pm to 5.44 am
Bristol 8.39 pm to 5.53 am
Edinburgh 8.55 pm to 5.41 am
Manchester 8.43 pm to 5.46 am
Penzance 8.48 pm to 6.09 am

Sun rises: 5.42 am
Sun sets: 8.28 pm
Moon rises 10.16 am
Moon sets 9.18 pm
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MANCHESTER

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Hanson rejects claim on dumping

IN AN about face with tradition, the Japanese have accused Smith Corona, Hanson's American typewriter manufacturer, of dumping its products on the American market.

American authorities are due to decide next month if the accusation by Brother Industries, the Japanese manufacturer, will be upheld.

As the latest shot in a 12-year dispute, Brother has said Smith Corona is producing goods from the low-wage country of Singapore and then dumping them at below fair-value market prices in America.

Brother claims this practice threatens the jobs of the 400 people it employs in a factory in Tennessee. Mr G Lee Thompson, chairman of Smith Corona, however, described the claim as ridiculous.

He said: "We assemble some of our low line products in Singapore, but the design is US. And our more expensive products are all made in the US.

"Brother's own lawyers have admitted that all the Japanese company do in America is assemble," he added.

The case is seen as a key test in the long running dumping war. Should Brother succeed, other Japanese companies with American operations are understood to be lining up with similar claims relating to their industries.

CEI shares slip

Shares in Cambridge Electronic Industries have fallen from 192p to 173p after the successful increased £29.9 million takeover bid for Tace and a £9.6 million offer for the minority shares in Goring Kerr, a Tace associate. The company is due to report interim financial results a week today.

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MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:
Trafalgar House ... 225p (+8p)
Elec Data Process ... 239p (+24p)
Liberty ... 605p (+90p)
J Mowlem ... 239p (+11p)
AIM ... 137p (+8p)
Smithkline Beecham 777½p (+7½p)
Scot TV ... 475p (+10p)
Johnston ... 235p (+7p)
Usher Walker ... 183½p (+7p)
HSBC ... 221p (+9p)
News Corp ... 433p (+8p)
FALLS:
British Aerospace ... 555½p (–8p)
Cap & Counties ... 311½p (–7p)
Glynwed ... 223p (–6p)
Bank Leumi UK ... 340p (–10p)
Wholesale Fittings ... 361p (–7p)
Reuters ... 827½p (–12p)
J Laing ... 255p (–8p)
Pearson ... 750p (–12p)
Schroders ... 875p (–8p)

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THE POUND

US dollar
1.6990 (+0.0025)
German mark
2.9299 (+0.0018)
Exchange index
90.8 (same)

STOCK MARKET

FT 30 Share
2007.5 (+2.0)
FT-SE 100
2569.4 (–1.2)
New York Dow Jones
2991.28 (–4.92)*
Tokyo Nikkei Avge
22985.67 (–448.95)

INTEREST RATES

London: Bank Base: 11%
3-month interbank 10²¹/₃₂-10⅝%
3-month eligible bills: 10¹⁵/₃₂-10⁷/₁₆%
US: Prime Rate 8½%
Federal Funds 5⅝%*
3-month Treasury Bills 5.32-5.31%*
30-year bonds 99³¹/₃₂-99¹/₃₂*

CURRENCIES

London:	New York:
£: $1.6990	£: $1.6985*
£: DM2.9299	$: DM1.7255*
£: SwFr2.5629	$: SwFr1.5105*
£: FFr9.9604	$: FFr5.8665*
£: Yen231.83	$: Yen136.50*
£: Index90.8	$: Index66.3
ECU £0.700277	SDR £0.786389
£: ECU1.428006	£: SDR1.266902

GOLD

London fixing:
AM $357.75 pm-$358.20
close $358.00-358.50 (£210.80-211.30)
New York:
Comex $357.85-358.35*

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent (Sep) ..... $19.60 bbl ($19.65)
* Denotes latest trading price

RETAIL PRICES

RPI: 134.1 June (1987=100)

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BankAmerica agrees $12bn merger with Security Pacific

By GRAHAM SEARJEANT
FINANCIAL EDITOR

BANKAMERICA Corporation, holding company for Bank of America, has agreed a $12 billion merger with its smaller California rival Security Pacific in the third and biggest of the combinations now transforming the troubled American banking industry.

The new grouping would immediately restore Bank of America's place as the second biggest American bank after Citicorp with $190 billion of assets against Citicorp's $217 billion. On some important tests, crucially the combined capital base of $12 billion on which ability to do business ultimately depends, the new BankAmerica will become the biggest. The future of Hoare Govett, the London securities house in the middle of a long-planned management buyout from Security Pacific, has been thrown back into confusion by the planned merger. Security Pacific said last night that the buyout, which would have given employees 51 per cent control, was now under review in the light of the changes. A spokeswoman said: "Hoare Govett is one of the premier broker-dealers in the UK and we believe this merger should benefit its operations".

Security Pacific, the fifth biggest American bank holding group, was one of the most successful American banks in the early Eighties and mounted an ambitious expansion overseas, including the Far East, and the securities business. But it has become one of the casualties of American loan losses and has been forced to cut its dividend and retreat from global ambitions.

BankAmerica has climbed out of the troubles it was suffering from property and developing country loans when Security Pacific was prospering and has re-established itself as one of America's strongest banks on its bases on the West Coast and in the Far East. Net earnings topped $1 billion in each of the past two years.

The combined group will set aside $700 million for restructuring and predicts that provisions against loans will rise by $1 billion, mainly as a result of bringing Security Pacific's provisions against problem loans up to BankAmerica's level. The all share offer from BankAmerica values Security Pacific at about $4 billion. Security Pacific shares jumped $9.75 to $32.75 although the deal would result in lower dividends for former Security Pacific shareholders. BankAmerica shares rose $1.75 to $39.1 because the deal would strengthen its position in California and in the Far East and speed any plans to re-establish its former international status.

Richard Rosenberg, chairman and chief executive officer of BankAmerica, will take on those jobs on the combined board while Robert Smith, his opposite number at Security Pacific, will become president and chief operating officer. The new grouping intends to cut combined operating costs by $1 billion a year within three years and has strong capital ratios to enable it to expand faster than Citibank.

BankAmerica's merger agreement with Security Pacific is to be protected against third parties by an agreement to buy each others stock, tying up almost 20 per cent of Security Pacific and 10 per cent of BankAmerica. The merger would create a dominant bank in California, where Wells Fargo and First Interstate are the other main competitors.

The merger announced last month of Chemical Bank and Manufacturers Hanover would create a group with assets of $135 billion, ranking third among America's banks. Another merger, between NCNB and C&S/Sovran, would form NationsBank, becoming the fourth largest.

Peat Marwick settles £40m Ferranti claim

By ANGELA MACKAY

FERRANTI International has obtained a £40 million settlement from KPMG Peat Marwick McLintock, the auditor, relating to the purchase in 1987 of International Signal & Control – the subsidiary at the heart of a £155 million fraud that devastated the electronics and defence group two years ago.

The settlement, believed to be the biggest since Arthur Young paid about £50 million to the Bank of England and Johnson Matthey three years ago, was revealed with Ferranti's results for the year to end-March, showing a £98.1 million pre-tax loss.

The settlement, concluded on Friday, ended litigation where Peat Marwick did not admit liability over its auditing of both ISC and Ferranti accounts. Ferranti accepted £40 million against £550 million initially sought.

Eugene Anderson, the executive chairman, said 1990-1 was a year of "toil, trouble and trial" and Ferranti was "not out of the woods yet". The group's troubles began when a £215 million hole was found in its assets after several defence contracts negotiated by James Guerin, the former deputy chairman who also founded ISC, were found to be fake.

Mr Anderson warned shareholders not to expect dividends for some time, nor should shareholders entitled to special dividends from the proceeds of claims arising from the fraud expect to receive payments in the short term. The latter can only be paid when there are distributable reserves and a deficit of £165.7 million was transferred to reserves in the reporting year.

He said that while progress was being made, Ferranti had breached some of its banking covenants, including one related to insufficient interest cover. The banks have waived certain covenants until November 9, 1991, but Mr Anderson said he was confident new refinancing deals would be arranged, particularly since the group had established a good record with its banks by cutting debt from £700 million in 1989 to £99 million in 1991.

The chairman said the company would continue to trim the workforce and sell six more businesses this year. Ferranti had received letters of intent on the sale of its rocket business, Marquardt, but had also provided £41 million for losses on the sale. Ferranti plans to sell Cardion radar and the aerospace systems missile division. In the reporting year, £95.7 million was received from disposals.

Ferranti has offset the £40 million settlement against expected gross losses of £109 million on future sales of businesses, which appeared as an extraordinary charge of £64.7 million. Exceptional charges of £65.4 million were also made, covering stocks, contracts and fixed asset write-offs.

Ferranti is involved in several other items of litigation. An independant accountant has been appointed to settle a dispute with GEC, where GEC claims it paid £50 million too much for a Ferranti defence systems business last year. Ferranti may settle the matter by selling some subsidiaries to GEC at a large discount.

On Friday, Ferranti placed its subsidiary, Ferranti International Controls Corporation, based in Houston, Texas, into Chapter 11 bankruptcy after two power distribution contracts were cancelled and proceedings started to recover the $22 million advanced. Mr Anderson said £53 million had been provided against FICC, compared with the $180 million of contracts the company had been awarded.

Problems arose because FICC could not complete to specification on time but FICC's other contractors had decided to be supportive. By placing FICC into Chapter 11, Mr Anderson said the litigation brought by Carolina Power and Light and Utah Power and Light "was brought to a screeching halt" and the matter would become "a workout situation within the confines of the court".

About £650,000 has been recovered from Swiss bank accounts used in the fraud and the group is still trying to enforce a judgment to recover $190 million from Mr Guerin and associates in America.

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Disappointed: Lord Blakenham saw profits drop to £41m as the Gulf war exacerbated the effects of recession

Pearson profits fall 58%

By COLIN CAMPBELL

PEARSON, the publishing, banking and entertainment group in which The News Corporation holds an 8 per cent interest, was affected by the recession in the six months to end June and pre-tax profits fell 58.4 per cent from £97.9 million to £40.7 million.

Lord Blakenham, chairman and chief executive, said: "We are disappointed, but not downhearted." The setback had been exacerbated in the first quarter by the Gulf war.

Frank Barlow, Pearson's managing director, said that all group interests had increased their market share and Pearson continued to invest for the future.

In a break with a tradition of paying an interim dividend equal to half the total of the previous year, Pearson declared for 1991 an unchanged interim dividend of 10.75p a share. Lord Blakenham forecast that trading conditions for the balance of 1991 would be broadly equivalent to those of the second half of 1990. The shares fell 12p to 750p.

The group, a 16 per cent shareholder in BSkyB, was encouraged by the number of satellite dish sales made in July and August. It believes BSkyB will break even before the end of 1993. Mr Barlow said that there had been a reduction of 1,033 in the workforce. Further redundancies were likely.

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Share shop plan for BT sale

By JONATHAN PRYNN

THE government has named the eight organisations chosen for share shop status in the November sale of half of its remaining 47.8 per cent stake in British Telecom.

Ministers hope that the sale will mark a breakthrough in the development of the long heralded share-owning democracy. Although the number of individual shareholders in the UK has almost quadrupled since 1979, the vast majority hold only one or two privatisation stocks and do not actively deal.

Applicants who use the share shops to buy their shares will be offered a range of incentives including preferential allocation, a low commission rate and vouchers for dealing in other stocks at the special rate for up to three months after the first day of dealing. The eight are: Barclays, Lloyds, Midland, National Westminster, Bank of Scotland, Abbey National, Norwich and Peterborough Building Society and Sharelink, the 66 per cent BT owned telephone share dealing operation.

Only those applicants for shares who specify a preferred share shop will, however, be eligible for the preferential allocation and low commission rate.

Retail sales offer hope for recovery

By ANATOLE KALETSKY, ECONOMICS EDITOR

HOPES that the economic downturn might finally be reaching its lowest point were boosted yesterday when the surprisingly strong retail sales figures for June were revised further upwards. The Central Statistical Office said retail sales rose by 1.5 per cent in June after allowing for inflation.

The preliminary report three weeks ago had shown a jump of 1.3 per cent, but many analysts, noting the very poor early summer weather, had expected a downwards revision. The Treasury expressed satisfaction with the report, saying the recession in the retail sector was "coming to an end and might perhaps be over".

However, some economists were more cautious, noting that more reliable evidence of the economy's strength in June would emerge this morning with the release of the month's production figures.

The sharp increase in June sales was partly attributable to the very low figures reported in April and May, which still reflected the VAT increase in the Budget. Comparing the average of the past three months' figures with that from December to February, before the VAT rise, sales levels were up by only 0.2 per cent. This comparison implied only a bottoming out, rather than a recovery, in sales.

The sales breakdown by product also suggests the signs of recovery are very patchy. Food and household goods stores enjoyed strong sales, but other retail categories all remained in recession.

Comparing average sales in the last three months with the same period a year ago, food retailers showed growth of 0.6 per cent and household goods were up 2 per cent but clothing and footwear were down 1 per cent; mixed retail business were 0.5 per cent lower and other non-food retailers suffered a drop of 3 per cent.

The high level of household goods sales in the last few months may have been a lagged response to the revival of the housing market in the spring, which has since fizzled out.

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Mickey swaps his fast food fancy

From PHILIP ROBINSON
IN NEW YORK

MICKEY Mouse is changing his diet. He has dumped the Big Mac burgers of McDonald's for those of Burger King in what will become a shared promotion campaign involving America's second largest hamburger chain, owned by Grand Metropolitan, and Walt Disney.

Disney refuses even to discuss the switch. "It's part of marketing and we never discuss marketing," a spokeswoman said. But her counterpart at Burger King said: "We have an evolving and developing relationship with Walt Disney and we are very excited about it, but I can't discuss specifics."

The new alliance is expected to start in November with a special Burger King meal timed for the release of Disney's new animated feature, *Beauty and the Beast*.



Sir Allen: serious rival

Next year there will be a string of promotions to coincide with the 20th anniversary of Walt Disney World in Florida. There will be theme meals based around Mickey Mouse, Donald Duck and Goofy and games offering Disney World trips as prizes.

In the hard fought American burger wars, the Jesuit maxim about catching a child early is paramount. The latest move is part of Burger King's long-running strategy to get more children into its 5,513 American restaurants serving 7.6 million customers a day.

Burger King, once thought to be the weak link in the acquisition of Pillsbury by Sir Allen Sheppard's Grand Met, is now regarded by analysts as a serious rival to McDonald's. It has already linked up to promote meals based on other hit films and television programmes, including *Teenage Mutant Ninja (Hero) Turtles*, *The Simpsons* and *Beetlejuice*. Analysts see the Disney link as key way of attacking one of McDonald's bastions – its children's market.

Advertising industry executives say Disney may have left McDonald's after disappointing promotions linked with its *Dick Tracy* and *Rescuers Down Under* films. It is unclear whether Disney will continue to use McDonald's in other promotions. Disney is the latest in a long line of big names used by Burger King to increase customer traffic.

Last week, Burger King unveiled a new strategy to entice the diet and weight conscious by displaying posters in its New York restaurants detailing the fat, calorie, and sodium content of its menu.

It has yet to be disclosed whether the Mouseburger or the Roger Rabbit Salad will be low-calorie.

BTR sells Pretty Polly to Sara Lee for £110m

By MATTHEW BOND

BTR, the industrial conglomerate, has begun its much vaunted disposal programme by selling Pretty Polly, its hosiery business, for £110 million.

The buyer is Sara Lee Corporation, the Chicago food and consumer products company, which has spent more than £200 million in the past few days on expanding its packaged consumer product division. Last week, Sara Lee announced it had bought Playtex Apparel, the underwear manufacturer, for a price believed to be about £100 million.

The sale of Pretty Polly is the first significant corporate move by BTR since Alan Jackson took over as chief executive at the beginning of the year. There has been speculation that the company planned to make a number of significant disposals as part of a deck-clearing operation before its long-awaited big acquisition.

Mr Jackson said a review of BTR's businesses had identified two or three that met the disposal criteria of high performance coupled with low operational gearing.

"Reflecting the more flexible strategy that we are now applying when considering acquisitions and divestments, Pretty Polly has been identified as an enterprise that has absorbed the best of BTR's management skills in attaining heightened performance." Mr Jackson added that further disposals were not imminent.

Mr Jackson said he was pleased with the sale price which, he said, if £7.5 million of external debt was included, brought gearing down to "south of 40 per cent".

He would not be drawn on the timing or nature of any possible acquisition, save to reiterate the comment he made at the time of the company's results in March: "We're entering a very exciting phase for BTR."

In the year to end-December Pretty Polly made pre-tax profits of £10.4 million which, assuming a standard tax charge, gives BTR an exit multiple of 13.9. Analysts were more impressed with the offer's premium to net assets, worth £20.4 million after a property revaluation.

"*Vis-à-vis* book value, it looks a good deal and it could have quite a beneficial impact on gearing," said Charles Pick of Nomura Securities.

The acquisitions of Pretty Polly and Playtex further stregthen Sara Lee's established position in hosiery, underwear and sportswear. The company's existing brands include Hanes, Dim, L'eggs and Champion. In the year to end-June 1990, personal products contributed $424 million out of total operating income of $938 million.



Making his corporate move: Alan Jackson launches BTR's disposal programme

Brussels reviews TV deal

THE European Commission is reviewing plans by a Franco-American consortium to buy part of the television business of WH Smith.

The consortium includes two French companies, Canal Plus and Cie Générale d'Images, which is controlled by Cie Générale des Eaux, and EPSN, of America, controlled by Capital Cities/ABC.

The commission must approve the deal in a month or open a full enquiry if it decides that competition could be harmful. The American group provides a satellite sports television service in its home market. Canal Plus is a subscription television channel. Cie Générale d'Images invests in the television industry, audio-visual catalogues and film production.

The commission gave no other details on the deal. It invited comment from the industry over the review.

Hawtin buys

Hawtin, the sports goods business, is buying Ultrabronz, the largest manufacturer in Britain of sunbeds and tanning equipment, for an initial consideration of £75,000 in new Hawtin shares.

P&O considered

Sir Gordon Borrie, the director general of fair trading, has extended the period his office will consider the proposed purchase by P&O of Trafalgar House's container shipping interests to September 4.

Orbicom wins Russian gas deal

ORBICOM, an independent British trading company, has become the first Western firm to be awarded concessions to develop gas fields in the Yamal peninsula in western Siberia.

A spokesman for Orbicom said the production concessions covered two areas on the western side of the peninsula, Kharasevei and Kruzenshtern, which between them hold reserves of at least 150 million tonnes of gas condensate.

This year, output could be up to 50,000 tonnes of gas condensate, a mix of gas and hydrocarbon liquids. By 1996, output could be 2 million tonnes per year, the spokesman said.

Yamal Oil and Gas, a British-registered company, has been set up to handle development of the fields. The company is 50 per cent owned by Orbicom.

Two state-owned agencies, Tyumen Geologiya, which will handle exploration, and Yamal Neftegazgeologiya, which will handle production, hold 20 and 30 per cent of the company respectively.

The Orbicom spokesman said that the company was seeking the partnership of a big Western oil company to bring the fields to full production. Talks have begun with three companies. He added that the joint venture had been endorsed by the Russian and the Soviet authorities.

The spokesman said there were two conditions attached to the enterprise. There must be an environmental impact assessment before full-scale production begins and participants should spend between 2 and 5 per cent of net revenues on local social programmes.

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Delta close to striking deal for Pan Am with $1.8bn bid

From PHILIP ROBINSON IN NEW YORK

DELTA Airlines looked set to become a leading force in European air travel yesterday with what appeared to be a knockout $1.8 billion bid for all but the Latin American operations of Pan Am Corporation.

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The deal was signed just after midnight on Sunday, but Delta looked like losing the edge at one stage during the 60-hours of talks when all three rivals — United, American and TWA launched a combined $1.3 billion offer.

Delta retaliated with a bid which will give the creditors $621 million cash and a 55 per cent share in a slimmer Pan Am. The stake was estimated last night at $456 million.

Deltawill also assume $720 million of debts and take on 6,600 of Pan Am's already reduced 17,500 workforce. For the money, it will gain all Miami-London and Detroit-London routes, European services to Spain, Italy and Portugal, and Pan Am's key hub at Frankfurt.

Delta will also gain entry into the key New York market with the purchase of Pan Am's commuter shuttle linking Boston, New York and Washington.

Liffe move towards new link

THE London International Financial Futures Exchange (Liffe) intends to move to larger premises above Cannon Street station in the City of London on December 16.

The move is a precursor to the merger of London's financial futures and stock options trading.

"The London Traded Options Market (LTOM) will move onto the floor one month later," Liffe said.

A prospectus for the issue of D shares, entitling the holder to trade stock options on the new merged exchange, should be issued in mid October. A working party chaired by Pen Kent, associate director of the Bank of England, had originally set a January 1 deadline this year, for the Liffe and LTOM merger.

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UniChem buys eight shops

UNICHEM, the pharmaceutical wholesaler behind a £70.1 million hostile bid for Macarthy, has completed the acquisition of eight retail pharmacies in England and Scotland for its franchising scheme.

The price paid for goodwill, fixtures and fittings was £2.15 million. The pharmacies have an aggregate turnover of £3.75 million a year. The group has bought 22 shops since March.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Allders to restructure as flotation delayed

ALLDERS, the department store and duty free retailer, has agreed a long-term financial restructuring with its bankers, shareholders and Hanson, the industrial conglomerate, but has been forced to delay a stock market flotation.

The group said that, since the management buyout of Allders from Hanson in May 1989, it had continued to trade well, but an expected flotation on the stock market in 1993 of 1994 was unlikely. The restructuring involves a £10 million underwritten rights issue, the repayment to Hanson of a bridging loan of about £20.8 million, and another £5 million to settle a loan note. Hanson will have 5 per cent of the enlarged share capital after restructuring and management up to 12.5 per cent.

Loss deepens at Radiant

PRE-TAX losses at Radiant Metal Finishing, which specialises in electroplating and residential property development, deepened from £71,000 to £169,000 in the year to end-February. Group turnover fell from £1.88 million to £808,000. Again there is no dividend. There is a retained loss, after taxation, of £169,000 (£58,000). Shares were unchanged at 70p.

Polymer deal sealed by ICI

ICI has completed the sale of its polyester polymer production plants and bottle polymer assets, at Aram in northeast Brazil, to Fibra. The deal takes in manufacturing of base polyester polymer with capacity for 16,500 tonnes a year and a related PET bottle polymer production plant. The value of the sale is less than 1 per cent of ICI's group net assets.

Howard cuts payout

HOWARD Holdings, the property development and plant hire group, has cut its dividend after diving into the red on exceptional write-downs and bad debts. The group suffered a pre-tax loss of £495,000 (£1.06 million profit) in the year to end-April. Turnover fell to £7.04 million (£10.3 million). John Howard, chairman, conceded that "things are not good, but we're probably luckier than the rest [in the sector]".

Group profits fell to £455,000 (£2.4 million) but the pre-tax deficit was due to an exceptional loss of £949,000 (£1.34 million). The final dividend is 0.5p (0.9p) making 0.5p (1.5p). There is a loss per share of 1.19p, against earnings of 2.4p.

Benson Group sale

BENSON Group, the Midlands engineer, has sold the assets and intellectual property of its Bamfords International forage box business to Foster Sales for £30,000, a fortnight after raising £2.2 million to fund disposals. The sale is part of Benson's policy of withdrawing from in-house manufacturing of agricultural machinery to concentrate on engineering.

Standard director goes

JOHN Mackenzie has resigned as a director of Standard Chartered Bank with effect from September 16. Mr Mackenzie was responsible for the bank's global fee earning business. A spokesman for the bank said Mr Mackenzie was leaving for "personal reasons" and had not been asked to resign. But he refused to comment further.

Buckingham plunges

ADRIAN Aylward has resigned as chief operating officer of Buckingham International, the hotel group controlled by the Jivraj family, after four months.

Last week, the company, with interests in America and Europe, passed its interim dividend after incurring first-half pre-tax losses of £2.15 million (£1.64 million profit). Buckingham's shares fell from 44p to 13p after the results but recovered to 25p after Naaz Holdings, which owns almost 29 per cent on behalf of the Jivraj family, acquired 1 million shares in the market. Naaz has since acquired a further 800,000 shares. Yesterday the shares were unchanged at 23p.

Earnings plummet at Brandon Hire

By PHILIP PANGALOS

CONFIRMING the depth of the recession, Brandon Hire, the USM-quoted plant and catering equipment hirer, has suffered a collapse in full-year profits in what Brian Nathan, chairman, described as "trading conditions worse than anything in our experience".

However, the company has maintained its final dividend at 2.22p, making an unchanged 3.33p for the year, in spite of a plunge in pre-tax profits to £54,000 (£967,000) in the year to end-April. Group turnover fell to £4.83 million (£5.44 million) and earnings per share dived to 0.87p (7.03p).

Mr Nathan said: "There is no sign of anything changing, although there is an apparent stabilisation at an extremely low level."

Tool hire, which accounts for about 80 per cent of group turnover, took the full brunt of the recession, suffering a 15 per cent decline in turnover. A further fall is projected in 1991-2. Catering and furniture hire continued to make progress with turnover ahead by 18 per cent.

Mr Nathan added: "The current year has seen no sign of improvement and we are not expecting an upturn until well into 1992." The directors have taken an 18 per cent salary reduction for 1991-2, partly as a cost saving and in order "to make less people redundant".

The shares lost 1p to 46p.

Poland gets lesson in free-market scandal

By WOLFGANG MÜNCHAU, EUROPEAN BUSINESS CORRESPONDENT

POLAND'S market economy might still be in its infancy, but in one respect it does not lag behind some of its western role models. Poland, too, has a banking scandal.

The scandal, involving alleged fraud big enough to register as a proportion of the country's GNP, has widened considerably over the past few days, culminating in the suspension of Grzegorz Wojtowicz, the central bank president, and Wojciech Prokop, his deputy, who stand accused of "lack of supervision". The suspensions came on initiative of Lech Walesa, Poland's president. Seven others, including five bankers, were arrested.

The extraordinary events leading to Eastern Europe's largest banking scandal so far began two years ago, with the establishment of Art-B, a small trading company then capitalised at a mere 100,000 zloties, less than $10 at today's rates. During the past two years, the prosecutor alleges, Art-B obtained unsecured credit guarantees from Polish banks, transferred money between two accounts, earning interest on both, falsified documents and bribed bank officials. The size of the alleged fraud is estimated at more than $100 million. In the meantime, Art-B has become a successful holding company, with interest in electronics, publishing and food processing, with 15,000 staff and a turnover of $300 million. The bank alleged to be involved is PKO, Poland's largest savings bank, and its vice-president is among those arrested.

Yesterday, the state prosecutor formally accused Bogusław Bagsik, the millionaire president and previously part-owner of Art-B, of bribery. Mr Bagsik, aged 28, is accused of "committing crimes based on handing a senior bank official material benefits in the form of foreign currency equivalent to about 60 million zloties in exchange for activities breaking the law".

The prosecution has also issued an arrest warrant for Mr Bagsik, although this will be difficult to enforce, since Mr Bagsik last month departed for a holiday in Israel. In Tel Aviv, he told *Gazeta Wyborcza*, the Polish newspaper: "Mentally and emotionally I emigrated from Poland long ago." For the Polish authorities the lack of an extradition agreement between Israel and Poland does not help either, but Mr Bagsik firmly denied the allegations made against him. The prosecution yesterday gave no indication whether the Israeli government would be asked to extradite Mr Bagsik.

For the citizens of Poland, a banking scandal is only the latest lesson in the free-market economics — following recession, inflation and unemployment. The Art-B bribery scandal is not going to be the last story of that kind from Eastern Europe.



Walesa: suspensions

DAEJAN HOLDINGS P.L.C.

The Chairman, Mr B. S. E. Freshwater, reports:

- Satisfactory results achieved despite a year of severe recession
- Fall in investment property values limited to 7.29% due to well spread and diverse portfolio
- Investment property acquisition programme continues

Year ended 31 March	1991	1990
Net Profits After Tax	£10.15m	£13.04m
Dividends Per Share	24.00p	23.00p

Copies of the Report and Accounts are available from The Secretary, 162 Shaftesbury Avenue, London WC2H 8HR

FT-SE 100 VOLUMES

Vol '000	Vol '000	Vol '000	Vol '000
Abbey Nat 1,132	Cadbury 329	Lonrho 477	Royal Bank 510
Allid-Lyons 2,012	CU 689	Lucas 416	Royal Ins 472
Anglian 435	Courtaulds 424	M&S 3,124	Sainsbury 2,961
ASDA 3,671	Enterprise 181	Maxwell Cm 152	Scot & N 699
AB Foods 448	Eurotunnel 118	MEPC 208	Scot Power 4,799
Argyll 2,279	Fisons 1,345	Midland 1,159	Sears 741
Arjo Wigg 157	Forte 585	Natl Power 5,757	Severn Trnt 2,043
BAA 410	Gen Acc 216	Nat West 1,599	Shell 1,801
BET 3,239	GEC 3,268	N W Water 745	Smith & N 1,740
BTR 3,112	Glaxo 733	P&O 615	SK Beech 788
BAT 681	Grand Met 898	Pearson 752	Sun Alliance 789
Barclays 1,316	GUS 'A' 153	Pilkington 523	Tarmac 384
Bass 432	GRE 3,462	PowerGen 2,498	Tate Lyle 390
BICC 70	Guinness 939	Prudential 829	TSB 1,084
Bk Scotind 156	Hanson 5,336	Racal 464	Tesco 4,882
Blue Circle 561	Hawker 53	Rank 828	Thames Wtr 555
BOC 545	Hillsdown 1,103	R&C 227	Thorn EMI 847
Boots 1,812	ICI 430	Redland 891	Trafalgar 2,323
Br Aero 521	Inchcape 50	Reed 435	Ultramar 1,480
Br Airways 955	Kingfisher 929	Rentokil 23	Unilever 505
Br Gas 2,436	Lasmo 322	Reuters 791	United Bis 468
Br Petrol 3,193	Ladbroke 1,498	RMC Gp 545	Wellcome 136
Br Steel 4,131	Land Sec 185	RTZ 207	Whitbrd 1,078
Br Telecm 1,016	L&G 1,547	R-Royce 1,348	Williams 551
C&W 851	Lloyds 877	Rothmans 'B' 65	Willis Cor 448

RECENT ISSUES

EQUITIES

Aberforth Smlr (100p)	120 +1
Aberforth Split (100p)	104
Alliance Res	20
Brabant Res (155p)	112
Capital Ventures	109 +2
Claremont Gmts (175p)	171
Contra-Cyclical (100p)	105
Culver Hldgs (4p)	8
Drayton Blue Chip (100p)	101
EFM Inc Tst (65p)	68
Eidos	38
East Germany Inv (100p)	108
Etonbrook	68
Eurocamp (225p)	240
Gartmore Inc (100p)	108
Gartmore Cap (100p)	108
Geared Inc (100p)	104
Greencore	225 –2
Greenwich Res	17
Headline Book (100p)	125
Lowndes Lambert (290p)	306 –1
Manchester Utd (385p)	267
Mirror Group (125p)	106½
Moorgate Smlr Cos (100p)	104
Oryx Gold	256
Sterling Trust	45
Tollgate	92 –3
Trio Inv Tst (50p)	38
US Smaller	103
Unichem	158 –1

RIGHTS ISSUES

Alan Paul N/P	1½
Explasrs N/P	½
Hemingway N/P	1½
Howden N/P	10½ –½
JLI Group N/P	14 –½
Mountleigh N/P	¼
Scottish Value N/P	½
Wheway N/P	¼

● See main prices page for Electricity shares *(Issue price in brackets).*

LONDON TRADED OPTIONS

	Calls Sep	Oct	Jan	Puts Apr	Oct	Jan	Apr
Allid Lyons. (*581)	500	92	100	113	2½	6	9
	550	50	62	78	9	18	23
	600	20	35	50	32	40	45
ASDA (*86)	90	6	9½	10½	7	8½	11
	100	2½	5	7½	14	15	17
	110	1	3	–	24	24	–
Boss (*917)	880	68	–	–	12	–	–
	929	35	–	–	32	–	–
	977	16	–	–	65	–	–
Boots (*419)	360	67	71	–	1½	4	–
	390	40	47	59	5	9½	12
	420	20	30	41	15	21	24
Br Airways. (*184)	140	48	50	–	1	2	–
	160	29	32	37	2½	5	7
	180	14	18	25	7	12	15
BP (*336)	330	17	25	28	8	13	15
	360	5	11	15	30	31	32
	390	1½	4½	–	60	60	–
Br Steel (*124)	110	16	18	21	2	3½	4½
	120	8	11	14	6	7	8½
	130	3½	6	9½	10	12½	14
C & W (*577)	500	87	99	–	4	7½	–
	550	46	62	77	13	20	25
	600	18	34	49	38	45	48
CU (*531)	460	83	98	–	1½	4	–
	500	50	67	75	8	12	17
	550	18	36	43	27	30	37
Courtauld (*450)	390	68	75	87	2½	5½	7¼
	430	48	53	65	7	11	13½
	460	18	28	42	24	28	30
GKN (*360)	330	40	51	57	5	9	15
	360	20	32	38	16	20	28
	390	8	18	25	35	38	44
Grand Met. (*800)	750	72	96	106	10	21	2a
	800	39	65	77	29	40	47
	850	17	40	54	59	67	73
ICI (*1328)	1300	85	125	150	35	52	72
	1350	53	97	120	59	74	92
	1400	35	77	94	92	102	115
Kingfisher. (*547)	460	99	107	–	3	5½	–
	500	58	75	90	8	13	18
	550	25	43	58	27	33	38
Ladbroke ... (*270)	240	37	41	47	3½	6½	9¼
	260	20	27	34	9	14	17
	280	9¼	17	23	20	24	27
Land Sec ... (*498)	460	48	57	69	3	7¼	11
	500	19	30	41	15	22	25
	550	4	11	20	55	58	60
M & S..... (*273)	260	22	28	36	5	8	9½
	280	10	17	25	19	16	18
	300	4	9	16	29	30	31
Sainsbury ... (*365)	326	47	55	–	1½	5	–
	356	24	34	–	7½	12	–
	386	9	18	–	24	28	–
Shell ..... (*522)	460	67	73	78	2	5	8
	500	32	45	48	12	16	22
	550	8	19	24	43	45	53
Smith Beech (*776)	750	52	75	94	15	25	30
	800	25	47	67	40	48	52
	850	10	27	45	79	82	84

	Calls Sep	Oct	Jan	Apr	Puts Oct	Jan	Apr
Stanshaw ... (*111)	100	16	18	20	2	4	6
	110	9	12	14	5½	8	10
	120	4	7	10	11½	14½	16
Tarmac ..... (*226)	211	22	28	–	7	15	–
	231	9½	17	–	18	27	–
	251	5	10	–	34	43	–
Ultramar ..... (*268)	260	20	30	33	9	12	15
	280	9	18	21	20	23	27
	300	5	11	–	37	38	–
Unilever ..... (*758)	650	120	–	–	2	–	–
	700	74	90	–	5	11	–
	750	38	57	72	20	28	37
Utd Biscs ..... (*390)	360	35	43	51	5	9	13
	390	14	26	33	17	21	25
	420	5	13	20	39	42	44

	Calls Sep	Oct	Nov	Feb	Puts Aug	Nov	Feb
BAA ..... (*433)	390	46	58	66	1	5	9
	420	18	37	46	4	12	18
	460	2½	16	25	28	33	38
BAT Ind ... (*731)	600	135	135	–	1	2	–
	650	85	90	110	1	5½	11
	700	37	53	74	2¼	18	25
	750	8	26	45	23	45	49
BTR ..... (*410)	390	22	32	45	2	11	15
	420	4½	16	26	15	26	30
	460	1	5¼	14	52	57	58
Br Aero ..... (*356)	550	18	33	53	6½	26	30
	600	3	15	29	45	57	60
	650	½	5	15	93	100	102
Br Telecm. (*383)	330	54	62	66	1	2	3½
	360	24	36	42	1½	7	11
	390	5	18	26	11	17	24
Cadbury ..... (*374)	360	15	29	40	3	11	15
	390	3½	14	24	20	27	29
	420	1	6	–	50	51	–
Guinness ..... (*985)	900	88	105	133	1½	9	16
	950	40	68	98	5	22	29
	1000	12	39	67	25	43	50
GEC ..... (*185)	180	8	15	18	2½	4½	7
	200	1	5½	9½	16	16	18
	220	½	1½	3½	36	36	36
Hanson ..... (*216)	200	17	24	26	1	3½	7
	220	3	10½	13½	6½	10	17
	240		4	5½	25	25	30
LASMO ..... (*928)	300	30	42	52	1	6½	9
	330	7	23	34	10	18	22
	360	2	11	21	36	36	39
P & O ..... (*593)	500	97	102	110	1	4	8
	550	47	57	74	2½	15	21
	600	9	28	44	17	38	45
Pilkington .. (*152)	140	13	22	25	1½	5	8
	160	2½	9½	15	11	14	18
Prudential .. (*282)	180	1	4½	8½	30	30	32
	220	33	36	43	1	5	5
	240	14	21	29	2	7½	10
	260	3	10	18	11	18	20
Racal ..... (*215)	200	17	26	30	1½	6	8
	220	4½	13	19	9	15	19

	Calls Aug	Nov	Feb	Puts Aug	Nov	Feb
RTZ ..... (*576)	240	2	6½	11	27	28	31
	550	32	49	65	3	13	21
	600	4	20	37	28	40	43
Scot New ... (*414)	650	1	7	28	77	82	82
	360	54	63	68	1	3	6
	390	25	39	46	2	9	13
	420	6	22	29	14	21	27
Tesco ..... (*266)	253	16	–	–	1½	–	–
	280	2	9½	16	15	18	22
	300	½	3½	9½	35	36	37
Thames W. (*367)	350	24	37	43	2	4½	8
	570	7	24	29	7	11	15
	400	2	8	14	33	33	35
Lucas ..... (*144)	130	18	22	22	1¼	5	7
	140	9	12½	17	3½	9	11½
	160	1½	4½	8	20	23	24

	Calls Sep	Oct	Jan	Apr	Puts Oct	Jan	Apr
Fisons ..... (*472)	460	32	46	53	11	17	23
	500	13	26	36	35	41	43
	550	3	11½	18	80	80	81

	Calls Sep	Dec	Mar	Puts Sep	Dec	Mar
Abbey Nat .. (*295)	260	39	47	53	1½	3	5
	280	21	32	39	3½	6½	9
	300	9	19	26	11	16	18
Amstrad ..... (*52)	45	8½	10½	12	1½	3½	5
	50	5	7½	9	3½	6	7
	60	2	4	6	10½	12½	13½
Barclays ..... (*450)	420	38	55	65	4	9	15
	460	14	30	40	20	26	31
	500	3	14	24	53	54	55
Blue Circ ... (*256)	240	21	28	36	5	9½	13
	260	8½	17	24	13	19	23
	280	3	9	16	31	33	36
Br Gas ..... (*266)	220	49	53	57	1	1	2½
	240	30	37	39	1½	3	5½
	260	14	22	26	4½	7½	12
	280	4	11	15	17	18	21
Dixons ..... (*246)	220	31	39	45	2	5½	8½
	240	16	25	32	8½	14	16
	260	6½	15	22	20	24	27
Euromarket ... (*449)	420	45	64	78	9	17	23
	460	18	38	55	27	36	41
	500	5	22	36	58	61	66
Forte ..... (*276)	240	37	42	48	1½	3	4½
	260	21	25	33	3½	7½	9
	280	7½	14	22	11	17	18
Glaxo ..... (*1265)	1250	49	90	122	30	57	67
	1300	26	65	97	69	84	90
	1350	13	46	77	107	114	120
Hawker ..... (*576)	500	84	92	102	2½	7	11
	550	44	55	70	9	18	25
	600	14	30	42	31	42	47
Hillsdown .. (*224)	200	27	32	37	1	4	6
	220	12	18	25	7	11	14

	Calls Aug	Nov	Feb	Puts Aug	Nov	Feb
Lonrho ..... (*241)	240	11	20	23	8	17	19
	260	4	10	15	22	24	31
	280	1½	6	7	40	40	47
Midland ..... (*235)	180	58	64	70	1	2	3½
	200	38	47	56	2	5½	8
	220	22	31	40	4	9½	15
	240	8½	22	27	14	19	22
Reuter ..... (*828)	700	137	158	175	3	10	19
	750	89	118	140	7½	20	31
	800	52	84	108	20	40	52
	850	26	57	80	45	62	74
R-Royce ..... (*152)	140	14	18	22	3	5½	8½
	160	3½	7½	12	14	16	19
	180	1	2½	–	32	32	–
Sears ..... (*81)	70	13	14	16	1	2	3
	80	5	7	10	4	5	7
	90	1½	3	6	10	11	13

	Calls Sep	Oct	Jan	Apr	Puts Oct	Jan	Apr
Thorn EMI (*789)	650	145	158	167	1	3	6
	700	95	114	128	2½	10	13
	750	50	75	88	9	21	25
	800	17	42	60	28	43	45
TSB ..... (*148)	130	21	25	27	1	2	3½
	140	13	18	20	2	4	6
	160	2½	7	9½	13½	15	16½
Vest Reefs ... (*567)	60	10	14	15	2½	3	6
	70	5½	8½	10½	7	9½	12
Wellcome ..... (*721)	650	84	100	120	6	16	22
	700	45	65	87	18	32	39
	750	19	40	62	42	57	64

	Calls Sep	Nov	Feb	Puts Aug	Nov	Feb
Eastern Elec ... (*169)	160	14	21	24	1½	5	8
	180	2	9	14	11	14	18
	200	1	4	7	30	30	32

	Calls Sep	Dec	Mar	Puts Sep	Dec	Mar
Nat Power .. (*146)	130	19	24	26	1½	3	4½
	140	11	16	19	3	5½	7½
	160	2	5½	9	14	15	18
Scot Power. (*103)	100	9	12	–	2½	3½	–
	110	3½	7	–	7½	8½	–
	120	1½	4	–	16	17	–

FT-SE INDEX (*2560)

	2450	2500	2550	2600	2650	2700
Calls						
Aug	120	76	35	13	4	1
Sep	150	108	73	43	23	11
Oct	168	123	87	67½	46	29
Nov	188	151	118	87	63	43
Dec	–	173	–	109	–	65
Puts						
Aug	3	7	21	52	91	139
Sep	16	21	36	62	98	149
Oct	25	36	53	79	108	150
Nov	33	47	65	86	117	155
Dec	–	58	–	95	–	168

August 12, 1991 Total: 17128 Calls 9435 Puts 7693

*Underlying security price. FT-SE: Calls 1621 Puts 2936

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Two cheers for cheap BT deals

COMMENT

Hyperbole is the stock in trade of politicians. So we should not take too seriously Francis Maude's claims that arrangements for the BT share offer will be a milestone in the extension of share ownership in Britain. Shareholders who have had a problem with their local bank manager can be forgiven a smile on learning that the portals to Mr Maude's brave new world are in most cases the front doors of their high street clearer.

Advocates of wider share ownership have no complaints about the government's desire to promote the share shop idea with the hope that it will foster links between potential investors and those who might be able to demystify the business of buying and selling shares. But the strategy is misguided. The biggest come on in the BT share sale arangements, cheap dealing services provided by the eight so-called preferred retailers, are about as relevant to wider share ownership as the price cuts currently on offer at Tesco.

Superficially, the Tories have an impressive record since 1979. The number of individual shareholders has more than trebled to 11 million. But Norman Lamont, the Chancellor, and Mr Maude know well that the portfolios of these new investors are for the most part far from ideal, comprising one or two privatisation stocks. As Mr Maude said yesterday, equity investment for most members of the public is linked only to new issues. Small wonder that they want to change this. Their predicament echoes the rural Irishman's instructions on the best route to Dublin: "If I were you Sirs, I wouldn't start from here."

The government has a problem of its own making. In the hands of the marketing men, the privatisation campaign has become for many participants the pursuit of a fast buck. Many who held on to shares after early dealings did so because of another marketing gimmick, the three-year loyalty bonus of free shares.

A cheap dealing offer from high street banks does not address the structual obstacles to wider and deeper share ownership — the tax breaks given to other forms of investment, notably in houses and pension schemes. The government has taken some steps in the right direction through the promotion of personal equity plans, though these are nothing like so tax-efficient and as broad as the benefits available from parking 15 per cent of salary in a pension scheme.

Cheap dealing offers do not tackle the educational aspects of promoting share ownership. It is a risky business to be undertaken in a serious way when house, pension, life cover and a cushion of safe, readily accessible liquid investments have already been secured. Nor are cheap dealings shops equipped to handle the task of the comprehensive financial planning that might eventually produce the new breed of shareholders sought by the government. The BT share sale deserves two cheers for effort, but promoting cut price share trading is the wrong message entirely.

Ferranti woes

Eugene Anderson has been earning his keep since he became Ferranti's company doctor 18 months ago. He has made drastic amputations and relentlessly pursued the causes of the infection, but after the crushing £98 million pre-tax loss announced yesterday, he must be wondering whether his surgery has been too radical.

Turnover has almost halved in 12 months, to £458 million, and at least six more businesses have been earmarked for disposal. Ferranti may soon become a medium-sized defence and electronics group with a clean balance sheet but it will then face the problems of being a medium-sized company in a shrinking and depressed market.

Ferranti's shareholders also need reviving but Mr Anderson was unable to provide much hope with the shares touching another all-time low of 6½p on the losses and no prospect of dividend payments for at least two years.

Unlike investors in Polly Peck and British & Commonwealth, however, Ferranti's shareholders can trade their stock albeit for a pittance and Mr Anderson and his merchant bank, Baring Brothers, have to be thanked for keeping the threat of administration at bay.

But they have had to strip the company to satisfy the company's bankers who ultimately may cease to be co-operative if Ferranti cannot sell sufficient assets by the banks' new deadline of November 9.

Mr Anderson's quip to journalists that Ferranti had set up a litigation business on the side is really no joke.

Despite the £40 million cash from Peat Marwick, there is the GEC matter, the problem of recovery from James Guerin and his cohorts, and now the stunning news that Ferranti had to push its American electrical power management systems subsidiary, FICC, into Chapter 11 bankruptcy on Friday to stop it being sued by two of its customers.

The power and light companies from Carolina and Utah want their $22 million deposit back plus damages but they are hamstrung until the Federal Court decides what to make of the scheme of arrangement Ferranti puts before it.

What is certain is that Ferranti will make losses in the first six months of this year and, unless all its litigious dreams come true, are unlikely to make any profits for full year.

How BCCI adapted the Koran rules of banking

THE closure of the Bank of Credit and Commerce International has stirred up new interest in Islamic banking, a financial system used throughout the Muslim world which forbids interest charges.

Islamic banking was one of the fastest growing financial phenomena of the Eighties, and offered bank customers the opportunity to make substantial profits while complying with the strict financial rules of the Koran.

The London-based Islamic banking unit of BCCI created its own version of the system and, from 1984 onwards, became one of the main centres of false accounting and possible fraud within the group, where large deposits were secretly channelled out of the bank to related companies round the world.

Islamic banking methods were developed in the Seventies and grew rapidly with the rise of Islamic fundamentalism and, in particular, the Iranian revolution.

The Koran lays down strict laws for handling money. The most important of these is its ban on *riba*, or interest. The Koran believes that money-owners should not profit from merely keeping their funds idle, but should use them in industry or trade.

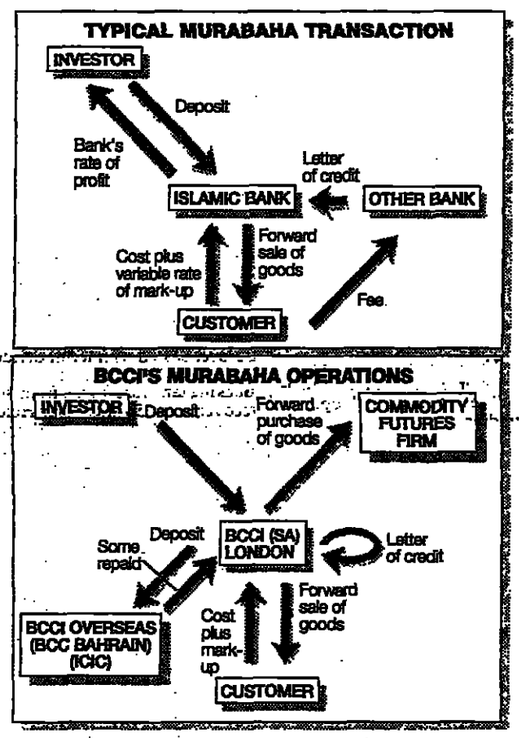
This rule has given rise to a completely different banking system, often frowned on by traditional western banks. Under Islamic banking, depositors do not earn a fixed return on their capital. Instead they participate in the profits or losses the bank makes on its loans. The bank's earnings in turn are determined by the financial success of its borrowers.

Most western regulators oppose the principles of Islamic banking, particularly the risk it places on depositors' capital. In Britain, Islamic banking funds are not seen as true deposits under the Banking Act.

The Bank of England views the system as a variant of asset management and insists any bank keep its Islamic funds separate from mainstream deposits. A speech, in 1984, by Robin Leigh-Pemberton, the governor of the Bank of England, to the Arab Bankers' Association, stressed the need to ensure that investors know the risks the system involves.

Despite this, Islamic banking has flourished and Citibank and ANZ Grindlays are two of the largest operators in the field. The Al-Baraka group, based in Jeddah, one of the most substantial Islamic banks in the Middle East has a British licensed subsidiary.

Islamic banking grew at its fastest in the mid-Eighties, when many individuals in the Middle East wanted to invest their excess wealth profitably but not accrue interest.



The system revolves round two simple transactions. The *mudaraba* deal is a funds management operation, where an investor deposits money with an Islamic bank for use in its operations. The return, or loss, on the capital is set in arrears. The majority of a bank's Islamic funds are put to use in short-term trade finance, through *murabaha* transactions which finance companies needing to obtain raw materials.

The bank agrees to buy the commodities while the company agrees to pay for them at a premium on a later date. The premium is often fixed in relation to prevaling international interest rates, while the delay gives the company time to convert the raw materials into finished goods and sell them for a profit.

During the transaction, the bank takes on the risk that the company will fail, and be unable to repay. So, many ask for a letter of credit from another bank, as an insurance policy, for which the company pays a fee. Properly executed, *murabaha* deals are now an accepted means of trade and project finance.

BCCI saw the prospects for Islamic banking in the early Eighties and started offering the service in 1984. The flaws in the department's reporting methods, the systematic understatement of its assets and liabilities, are revealed in the report by Price Waterhouse, the auditor, which resulted in the bank's closure on July 5.

Initial interest was low, and deposits reached about $50 million by 1986. After that funds grew more rapidly and by the end of 1989 reached $1.4 billion, helped by a series of deposits from wealthy Middle East investors.

BCCI's Islamic banking operations concentrated solely on *murabaha* transactions. Unlike its rivals it did not ask for a letter of credit from another bank to guarantee payment for the commodities. Instead it issued its own. This exposed it to the risk that a company would not pay for the raw materials. BCCI tried to counter this by entering into a series of transactions with a futures broker, which would mirror the deal with the company. The bank would sell the commodity and take out a forward purchase agreement.

This succession of transactions would throw up a short-term cash surplus. The operation made it appear that BCCI was merely taking in deposits through an indirect route, but it was not. By buying and selling commodities on spot and futures markets, the bank was exposing itself as a principal to serious risks on some of the most volatile financial markets in the world.

The Price Waterhouse report also shows that the money generated by the *murabaha* deals was not kept within the group. An estimated $84 million was placed in ICIC, the bank's related investment operation based in the Cayman Islands.

ICIC defaulted on its repayments of these loans in May, June and October last year. The company is believed to still owe the bank the $84 million, although the loans were disguised with new deposits from Islamic bank customers.

ICIC, however, contends that the money was secretly routed back into BCCI, and that the debt no longer exists. Some of this was used to repay the false loans that were originally established to buy First American Bankshares. While investigation by Touche Ross into BCCI is still progressing, it seems as though the funds from BCCI's Islamic banking were sucked into the large-scale fraud and financial manipulation that permeated the bank.

BCCI's Islamic banking clients were completely unaware of the rerouting of their funds, and all are thought to have been repaid on time. The Price Waterhouse report, however, condemns the operation of the IBU. "The resulting catalogue of errors ... reflects at the very least a lack of any proper independent management control," it concludes. "UK management have acted irresponsibly in allowing the events outlined to occur."

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TEMPUS

Pearson pours oil on troubled interim newspaper profits

ONE share price change the *Financial Times* will be none too happy to record this morning is Pearson's 12p fall to 750p yesterday.

The 58.4 per cent interim pre-tax profit setback from £97.9 million to £40.7 million, reflecting tough times for books, newspapers, investment banking and entertainment, did not exactly catch the market on the hop. But the light that might be at the end of the tunnel is going to take some time to shine on a much stronger profit and loss account and a challenge to 1989's peak pre-tax profits of £250.5 million is some way off.

Year-end profits are likely to be £160 million-£165 million (£226.3 million). If there is an economic and consumer recovery some time this year, profits might reach £210 million in 1992.

While Pearson might have been expected to declare an interim dividend of 11.625p a share — the tradition has been to pay half the previous year's total — it is now merely maintaining the 1991 interim at 10.75p a share. But then interim net earnings were 10.2p a share, and every penny saved helps.

Cost savings have meant 1,033 fewer people and will equate to a £2 million plus in 1991 and £16 million in 1992. And though advertising revenues may not be as healthy in 1991 as the most optimistic projections would have it, at least tourists are dribbling back to Britain. The star division was oil services, which brought in trading profits of £16.6 million (£15.1 million), overtaking the £13.8 million (£31.2 million) from newspapers and magazines.

The 16 per cent stake in BSkyB pleased Pearson — dish installations of 55,000 in July, and 10,000 so far this month, despite the recession; a break-even position before the end of 1993 is now probable.

The shares, trading on 18.8 times prospective 1991 earnings, and 14.6 times 1992 earnings, are well priced.



New team: Paul Lester, CEI chief executive (left), and John Jackson, chairman

In the past month its shares have trailed the market by 14 per cent and at 173p are 16 per cent off a 12-month high of 205p, struck in June. With interim results imminent, a prompt recovery is unlikely.

While the commercial logic of a takeover, which corrects CEI's strong UK bias by increasing exposure to America, is apparent to all, the increase in the value of the offer from 256p a share to 305p removed most short-term benefits.

The relatively new management team of Paul Lester, the chief executive, and John Jackson, non-executive chairman, has a loyal City following and the stock has been favoured for its high yield, with a net dividend of 10.9p paid last year.

In the current year of transition, while the integration of Tace proceeds, a maintained dividend still implies a gross yield of 8.4 per cent.

The wafer-thin cover of just 1.4 times, assuming prospective earnings of 15.7p a share, down from 16.2p, highlights concern however about longer-term prospects.

Even during the recession, margins across CEI's broad spread of businesses have remained high, limiting scope for a recovery, while Tace's unusual brand of management, which prompted institutional intervention, gives rise to concern that CEI may not be wholly pleased with what it finds. Until the uncertainty is cleared the shares look fully valued.

Cambridge Electronic

THE determination of Cambridge Electronic Industries to win the battle for control of Tace and Goring Kerr, its associate, in the face of strong opposition from America, has won it few friends.

Lack of competition 'will threaten power supply'

THE combination of recession and increased opportunities for efficiency savings suggests that demand for electricity will grow very little this decade. Yet new generation projects are being developed.

A study by two independent experts suggests that National Power and PowerGen may close another 15 power stations to try to prevent a huge surplus of generating capacity developing as new plants come on stream.

Even so, weak demand growth will contribute to depressed power prices, which will slow the development of competition, they predict.

National Power said further closures were likely, but on a far smaller scale than suggested. National Power says that even its older coal plants are competitive after a 35 per cent rise in British Gas bulk interruptible tariffs. That rise, however, is the subject of a battle between BG and Ofgas and may well be revised downwards.

The prospect of widespread coal plant closures is outlined in a study by Dieter Helm and Patrick Lane of Oxford Research Associates. They say the power privatisation structure left barriers that threaten to restrict competition. One consequence will be surplus capacity until the end of the decade, eventually becoming a shortfall that will pose a challenge for regulators.

"The legacy of the bungled privatisation of electricity," they warn, "like those of gas and telecoms, will continue to be a primary deterrent to the long-run development of a competitive market in electricity generation."

The report lists dozens of projects for new power stations, with gas the favourite fuel, often burned in high efficiency, combined cycle gas turbines. It issues a warning that many are unlikely to be built. However, construction of new plants, and expanded facilities to import power from Scotland, will force further closures of old plants. At the beginning of this year, generating capacity in England and Wales exceeded peak demand by 14,300 megawatts, or nearly 30 per cent.

National Power and PowerGen, the two privatised generating companies, have announced plans to close or reduce capacity at 13 plants. However, under the "most likely" scenario, says the study, additional "closures of 6,000 to 8,000 megawatts would be necessary to return the capacity margin to its position at the start of 1991".

That would equal the capacity of every plant owned by the two companies built before 1965. Although such a plan would be modified according to local demand and grid capacity needs, it would imply a cut in the number of National Power plants from 29 to 16 and the closure of six PowerGen plants, leaving 12.

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Industrial Correspondent

RAIL TUNNELLING PLANT

HYDRO-ELECTRIC COMMISSION TASMANIA AUSTRALIA

Complete setup of 1067mm gauge rail tunnelling plant located at Tullah on Tasmania's west coast and in operation until September 1991 completing 10kms of tunnelling in hard rock. Expressions of interest will be received until Monday 30th September 1991 for the purchase and removal of the plant.

DRILLING By Atlas Copco Promec TH654-4/5 boom electro hydraulic portal jumbo adaptable for 30m² to 50m² face area.

EXCAVATION By Haggloader 8HR5 (2 off) electro/hydraulic muckers of proven capacity 6m³ per minute.

MUCK REMOVAL By Granby type side dump 12m³ capacity muckcars. 3x8 car trains and Gemco 25 tonne 156 kw diesel-hydraulic locomotives (5 off).

OPERATIONS SURFACE On Connell-Jacobs 150m long x 4m wide hydraulic - walking sliding floor incorporating loading track, run around track, empty track and drill jumbo track.

SUPPORTING PLANT • Flatcars. 7 off 6m x 1.8m, 2 off 3m x 1.8m. • 18 seater mancar module. • 10 seater Baldwin motorised mancar. • 3 off Muhlhauser electric rotation concrete transit mixer cars. • Face loading platform. • Cable reeler. • Muckcar tippler. • Scissor platform.

OTHER EQUIPMENT Other items of equipment include: • Richardson axial flow fans. 1220mm dia., 55 kw. • Ventilation ducting 1220mm dia. • Victaulic pipe and couplings 4", 6" & 8". • Rail 40 kg/m x 1500m, 41 kg/m x 3500m. • Rail turnouts (12 off) 41 kg/m rail 27m radius. • Sleepers, 6000 hardwood, 3500 with Pandrol plates & clips. • Dogspikes 23,000.

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Paterson re-emerges

JENNIE Paterson, marketing director of Hill Samuel Investment Management until July, has re-emerged at an American boutique that is making its mark on the City. Paterson has been made marketing director of Barr Rosenberg, a "quantitative" investment firm that uses computers to predict where the best deals are. The Rosenberg of the title is a former professor of finance at Berkeley, California. Six years after Barr Rosenberg was formed, it has $8 billion under management. Paterson is based in Broadgate in what, in happier days, was the corporate entertainment floor of Security Pacific.

Allotment plot

THOSE who think the cut and thrust of corporate business is bad should spare a thought for the leek growers of County Durham. A dispute has erupted over the plight of Wilf Crawford, a champion grower, who claims he is the victim of a plot. Several weeks ago, the allotment housing his prized leeks was broken into, but nothing was taken and all seemed to be in order. Now, his leeks have been savaged by moles and he suspects foul play. Fellow enthusiasts, who have taken to wiring their leeks to alarm systems, can only pray that they are not next.

Just not cricket

EVEN government ministers are human. At yesterday's press briefing on the second British Telecom privatisation, Francis Maude, the Treasury minister, appeared distracted, staring into space from time to time, and finding it hard to keep his mind on the matter at hand. A television, half-hidden in the corner of his office, provided a clue. The set was tuned into the Ceefax page giving the latest scores from the unfolding drama at the Oval cricket ground. Trust the press to interrupt things, just when they are getting exciting.

Cleaning up leak

PROCTER & Gamble, the soapsuds company whose



130-product lines includes Bold, Bounce and Mr Clean, has invoked a little-used section of Ohio industrial espionage laws to track a mole leaking stories to the Pittsburgh office of the *Wall Street Journal*. P&G has confirmed that police are investigating the disclosure of "trade secrets", triggered by two reports relating to problems in P&G's food and beverage division. Prosecutors have obtained itemised telephone records to help trace the leak. Reporters' confidential sources are normally protected under America's First Amendment.

Welsh wisdom

THE Welsh have struck on a clever ploy to encourage new investment. They have appointed an American to lead the way. Donald Keefe, former European vice-president of Siliconix, which makes semiconductors, is the new director of the Welsh Development Agency's inward investment arm. Wales already attracts 20 per cent of new investment into Britain, and Keefe, aged 53, who established Siliconix in France, Germany, Italy and Sweden, has the contacts to keep up the lead.

Fishy tale

PERHAPS it is merely eager to impress sceptical analysis, but PowerGen, Britain's second largest electricity generator, seems to have surpassed itself. Scientists at PowerGen's Ratcliffe Technology Centre, near Nottingham, believe they have found a strain of brown trout capable of surviving in acid water. The idea is to restock lakes and rivers in Southern Norway where fisheries have declined due to rises in acidity. It is certainly cheaper than providing environmentally-friendly power stations.

JON ASHWORTH

WALL STREET

	Aug 12 midday	Aug 9 close
Abbott Lab	54⅛	53⅝
Aetna Life	38¼	38¼
Ahmanson	18¼	18⅛
Air Prods	66	66⅜
Albertsons	35⅝	35⅝
Alcan Al	20⅛	20⅛
Alco Stand	33	33
Allied Signal	37⅜	37⅝
Alumin CA	68	68⅝
Am Brands	43⅜	43⅜
Am Cyanmd	63⅜	63⅛
Am EPC	28½	28⅝
Am General	39¼	39⅜
Am Home	62⅝	62⅝
Am Intl	82⅜	81⅜
Am Stores	41⅝	41½
Amax	21⅛	22
Amer Hess	55⅝	56⅛
Ameritech	60¼	60⅜
Amex	25⅛	26
Amoco	51⅛	51⅝
AMP	50⅜	50⅜
AMR	62⅝	62⅝
Anheuser-B	51⅞	51⅛
Apple Comp	50⅜	50⅜
Archer-Dan	24¾	24⅝
Arkla	18⅜	18⅜
Armco	4⅛	4⅛
Armstrong	30⅛	30⅜
Asarco	23⅞	24⅛
Ashland Oil	31	32⅛
AT&T	39⅜	39⅝
Atlan Richfld	117⅞	120⅛
Auto DP	32⅜	33¼
Avery Denn	23⅜	23⅝
Avon Prod	45⅝	45⅝
Baltimore	30⅛	30⅜
Banc One	44⅛	44⅜
Bankamerica	38	37⅝
Bard	24	23⅞
Barnett Bk	33⅜	32½
Bausch Lmb	45⅞	45⅝
Baxter Intl	35¼	35⅜
Bec Dickin	68	68
Bell Atlan	47⅞	47⅝
Bellsouth	47⅞	48⅛
Bkr Hughes	25⅛	25⅝
Black Decker	15⅝	15⅝
Block	59⅜	60½
Bnkrs Tst NY	56⅝	57⅜
Boeing	46	46⅜
Boise Casc	25⅛	25½
Borden	36⅛	36¼
Brist-Myer	85½	85½
Browng-Fer	27⅞	27⅞
Burl Nth	30	30⅜
CAI	9⅛	9⅛
Campbell Sp	80⅛	80½
Cap Cities	455½	457
Capital HC	45⅝	44¾
Carolina	47⅜	48
Caterpillar	48⅛	48⅝
CBS	162	163
Central SW	47⅛	47⅜
Champion	27⅞	27⅞
Chase Man	20⅛	19⅜
Chem Bnkg	27⅜	26⅝
Chevron	70	70
Chrysler	11⅞	12
Chubb	67⅛	69⅜
Cigna	43⅝	44¼
Cincorp	14⅛	13⅜
Cinnie Liz	43⅛	43½
Clorox	41½	41¼
Cmwlth Edis	37⅛	37⅝
CNA Finct	78½	77⅝
Coastal	29⅝	30⅛
Coca-Cola	62⅝	62½
Colgate-Pal	46	46⅜
Columb Gas	17⅛	16⅝
Compaq	35⅞	36
Conagra	43½	44
Cons Edis	25⅝	25⅝
Cons NG	38⅛	38⅝
Cons Rail	69⅛	69⅜
Cooper Ind	53⅜	54
Corning	67⅛	67⅛
CPC Intl	67⅛	68½
Crown Cork	68	68
CSX	48⅝	48⅝
Dana	30⅜	30⅜
Dayton-Hud	71⅛	71⅛
Deere	50⅝	50⅜
Delta Air	72⅜	73½
Dekalb	48	45⅞
Detroit Ed	29⅝	29⅝
Digital Eq	84½	84¼
Dillard	124⅛	124¼
Disney	120⅜	119⅝
Dominion	50⅛	50¼
Donnelley	45⅞	45⅝
Dover	37	37
Dow Chem	53⅜	53⅜
Dow Jones	26	26
Dresser Ind	21¼	21⅛
Du Pont	48⅛	48⅜
Duke Pwr	29⅝	29⅝
Dun Bradst	44⅝	44⅝
East Kodak	41	40⅞
Eaton	63	63⅛
Emerson El	46⅝	46⅝
Enron	61⅛	61⅛
Entergy	24	24⅝
Ethyl	24⅛	25
Exxon	57⅞	57⅛
Fed NMA	59⅛	60⅛
Fedrl Exprs	40⅛	39⅝
Fst Nonstar	24⅝	24⅛
Fluor	44	44⅛
FMC	47⅞	48⅝
Ford Motor	31⅛	31
FPL	32⅛	32⅛
Fst Chicago	25⅛	25⅝
Fst Interstate	32⅝	27⅞
Fst Union	25⅞	25⅛
Gannett	46⅝	46⅝
GAP	40	40⅝
Gen Cinema	22¾	22
Gen Elec	73⅛	73⅜
Gen Mills	62⅛	62⅝
Gen Motors	37⅞	38
Gen RE	87	86⅜
Gen Signal	43⅝	43⅜
Genuine Pts	41¼	41⅛
Georgia-Pac	54⅛	53⅝
Gillette	40⅛	40⅛
Goodrich	43	42⅝
Goodyear	38	38⅝
Grace	37⅛	37
Greyhound	35⅝	35⅝
Gt Atlantic	41	41
Gt Western	20⅝	20⅛
GTE	29⅝	29⅝
Halliburtn	37⅝	37⅛
Heinz	39⅛	39⅝
Hercules	41⅛	41⅛
Hershey Fd	41	41⅛
Hewlett Pkd	62⅜	62⅜
Hilton Hd	40⅛	40⅝
Home Depot	50	49⅝
Homestake	15⅝	15⅝
Honeywell	57⅜	57⅜
Houston Ind	38½	38⅝
Humana	32	32⅛
IBM	99	98⅝
IFSF	63⅛	62⅜
Illinois TW	60⅛	60⅝
Inco	24⅜	25⅜
Ingsol-Rand	50	50⅝
Inland Steel	21⅛	21⅝
Intel	48⅝	48⅜
Intl Paper	68	68⅝
ITT	59⅜	59⅛
James Rivar	22⅝	22⅜
Johnsn John	91⅛	92⅛
K Mart	45⅛	45⅝
Kellogg	105⅞	107
Kerr-McGee	42	41⅝
Kimbly-Clrk	91⅞	91⅝
Knight-Riddr	53⅜	54⅞
Lilly	79⅝	79⅝
Limited	30	30⅝
Lin Bnkcrp	70	70⅛
Lincln Nat	45⅝	45⅛
Litton Ind	81¼	81⅛
Lockheed	44⅛	44⅛
Louis-Pac	43⅜	44⅜
Manu Hano	30½	30¼
Marriott	17⅞	18
Marsh Mclen	75⅝	76⅛
Martin Mar	57	56⅝
Masco	22⅝	23⅜
May Dept	53⅝	53⅞
Maytag	15⅝	15⅞
McDnl Doug	52½	52⅝
McDonalds	32⅜	32⅝
McGraw-Hill	56⅛	56
MCI Com	29	29⅜
Mead	33⅝	34
Medtronic	129	129⅜
Mellon Bk	34	33⅞
Melville	47	46⅝
Merck	128⅛	128⅛
Merrl Lynch	41	41⅛
Minnesota	66⅝	67⅜
Mobil	66⅛	66⅛
Monsanto	72⅞	72⅞
Moore	24½	24⅛
Morgan JP	52⅝	52⅝
Motorola	65	64⅛
Nat Medical	45⅝	46⅝
Nat Semi	5⅝	5⅝
Nat Service	24⅛	24⅛
Navistar	3¼	3¼
NCNB	36⅞	36
NCR	108⅛	108⅛
NED Bncp	41⅛	40⅝
Newmnt Min	37⅞	38
Niagr Mhwk	16⅜	16⅛
Nike	43⅞	44⅛
NL Indstrs	16⅝	16⅝
Nordstorm	47⅛	47⅞
Norfk Sthn	49⅜	49⅜
Norwest	30	29⅝
Nthn St Pw	36⅞	36⅝
Nthn Telcm	37⅛	37⅞
NY Times	22	22⅛
Nynex	73⅛	73⅛
Occid Petrl	23⅝	24⅛
Ohio Ed	18⅝	19
Oracle Sys	10⅛	10⅛
Oryx Engy	33⅝	33⅞
Pac Ent	38	38⅛
Pac Gas Elec	26⅝	26⅝
Pac Telesis	42⅛	42⅜
Pacccar	45⅞	46
PacifiCorp	21⅝	22
Pall	36⅝	36⅝
Paramount	38⅝	38⅝
Parker-Hanfn	28⅝	28⅞
Pamtky	31⅞	32⅝
Penncorp	72⅞	73⅛
Pepsico	31⅝	32
Pfizer	63⅛	63⅛
Philips Pet	25⅛	25⅞
Philips Elec	21	20⅝
Phip Morris	70⅞	71⅛
Phips Dodge	68⅝	68⅝
Pitney Bow	61	61⅛
Placer Dm	12⅜	12⅝
PNC Fncl	41⅛	41½
Prdntl Estn	12	12⅜
Polaroid	25⅛	25⅛
PPG Inds	54⅝	55⅜
Procr Gmble	81⅜	81⅞
Price	57⅞	58
Primerica	32⅝	33⅜
Pub Service	27⅞	27⅞
Quaker Oats	61⅛	61⅞
Raison Pur	46⅝	46⅞
Raychem	29⅝	29⅞
Raytheon	84⅛	84½
Reebok	29⅝	30
Roadway	50¼	49⅛
Rockwell	26⅝	26⅝
Rohm Hass	45⅞	46
Royal Dutch	81⅝	81⅛
Rubbermaid	58⅛	58⅞
Rymtds Mfg	58⅝	59⅛
Safeco	36⅞	36⅝
Salomon	31⅝	34⅜
Sant Fe Pac	9⅜	9⅝
Sara Lee	42	42⅜
Schlmbrgr	42⅝	42⅝
Schwmbgr	66⅝	66⅝
Schrg-Plgh	53⅝	53⅝
Scott Papr	40⅛	40⅛
Seagram	108	108⅝
Sears Rbk	42⅜	41¾
Security Pac	31⅝	33
Shrwn-Wllms	24	23⅞
Skyline	14⅝	14⅜
Snap-on Tls	32⅛	32⅞
Southern	28	27⅝
St Paul	64⅝	64
Stanley Wk	40⅛	40⅜
Stone Cntr	19⅝	19⅝
Sun Co	30⅝	30⅝
Sunst Elc	23⅛	22⅝
Super Valu	28⅜	28⅛
SW Bell	55	55
Syntex	44	43⅝
Sysco	44½	44
Tandem	11⅜	11⅜
Tandy	26⅛	26⅛
Tele-comm	13⅜	14
Teledyne	19⅝	19⅞
Temple-In	45¼	44⅜
Tenneco	41	41⅝
Texaco	63⅛	63⅜
Texas Inst	31⅝	31⅝
Texas Util	37⅞	37⅞
Textron	32⅝	32⅝
Time Warr	87⅛	87⅛
Times Mirr	30⅛	31¼
Timken	26⅝	27
Torchmark	49⅝	50
Toys R Us	32	31⅞
Transam	32⅝	32⅝
Travelers	19⅝	19⅝
Tribune	47	47
TRW	45	45
Tyco Lab	44¼	44¼
UAL	142⅝	142⅝
Un Camp	43	43
Un Carbide	21⅝	21⅝
Un Pacific	67⅛	67⅞
Unilever	61	61⅛
Unisys	4⅛	4⅛
Unocal	24⅝	25⅜
Upjohn	44⅛	44⅜
US Life	40¼	41
US West	36⅛	36⅛
Ussir Gp	11⅛	11⅛
USF&G	6⅞	7
USX Mar	27⅜	28⅝
Utd Tech	45⅞	45⅝
Utd Telcm	25⅝	26⅛
VF	30⅛	30⅛
Wal-Mart	40⅜	40⅜
Waste Mgmt	37⅞	38
Wells Fargo	74⅝	72⅝
Westg Elec	22½	22⅝
Weyerhsr	27⅞	28
Whirlpool	38	38
Whitman	13⅛	13⅝
Wlms-Dlde	35⅝	35⅝
Woolworth	25⅛	25⅛
Wrigley	60¼	61
Wrnr-Lamb	69⅛	69⅝
Xerox	55⅛	55⅝

LONDON TRADED OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
August 5	August 16	November 7	November 18

Call options were taken out on: 12/8/91 Bertsford, Carlton Communications, Premier, Thames TV, Trafalgar House, Tuskar.
Put & Call: Amstrad.

Dow down in sluggish trading

New York

AMERICAN blue chips recovered some losses but remained slightly lower in late-morning trading that was sluggish, except for the banking sector.

The Dow Jones industrial average was down 2.01 at 2,994.19, off its low for the day of 2,983. Declining shares led advancing shares by about seven to five on more than 46 million shares.

Some bank shares rose sharply on news that BankAmerica and Security Pacific had agreed to merge.

Jim Schroeder, an analyst at MMS International, said the market's inability to firm on the back of strong gains in the banking group illustrated investors' lack of enthusiasm for stocks on the whole.

☐ **Tokyo** — Shares fell to close at the day's low with the Nikkei index ending below 23,000 for the first time since July 23. Trade was thin. The Nikkei closed down 448.95 points, or 1.92 per cent, at 22,985.67.

☐ **Singapore** — The Straits Times Industrial index closed *at 1,440.08, down 22.50 points* from Thursday and well below the widely predicted support level of 1,450. The market was closed on Friday.

☐ **Frankfurt** — German share prices slipped in early trade, *depressed by weaker closes on* Wall Street on Friday and in Tokyo yesterday. The Dax index closed down 6.15 points at 1,626.06. *(Reuter)*

MAJOR INDICES

New York:	
Dow Jones	2991.28 (–4.92)*
S&P Composite	386.64 (–0.48)*
Tokyo:	
Nikkei Average	22985.67 (–448.95)
Hong Kong:	
Hang Seng	4070.14 (+46.13)
FT-SE Euro 100	1107.42 (–3.43)
Amsterdam:	
CBS Tendency	91.9 (–0.4)
Sydney: AO	1565.7 (–18.4)
Frankfurt: DAX	1626.06 (–6.15)
Brussels:	
General	5740.91 (–16.14)
Paris: CAC	469.81 (–0.78)
Zurich: SKA Gen	545.5 (–2.3)
London:	
FT-A All-Share	1228.59 (–1.13)
FT-"500"	1382.05 (–0.01)
FT Gold Mines	179.3 (same)
FT Fixed interest	94.45 (–0.03)
FT Govt Secs	85.51 (–0.17)
Bargains	21951
SEAQ Volume	280.7m
USM (Datastream)	125.75 (–0.16)

*Denotes latest trading price

STOCK MARKET

Speculators keep a close watch on ICI and Hanson

OPTIMISTIC City speculators *remain confident* that Hanson will eventually launch a full bid for ICI and that events this week could trigger the long-awaited putsch.

ICI closed only 10p lower at £13.28, despite going ex-dividend on turnover of 430,000 shares. Dealers described it as a creditable performance underpinned by *persistent* bid speculation. This was fueled by suggestions at the weekend that Smith New Court, the broker, had built up a stake of ½ per cent in ICI. Smith picked up Hanson's original near-3 per cent stake in a dawn raid earlier this year.

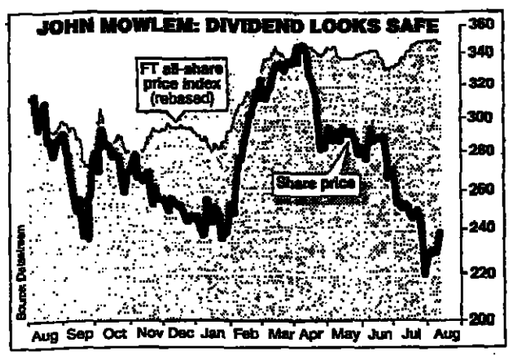
As a market-maker and *leading broker, Smith is* almost certain to hold a sizable position in ICI for trading purposes, but nowhere near the level being suggested. Last night, Smith denied it had built up such a stake.

Those speculators *will* be keeping a close eye on third quarter figures from Hanson *tomorrow*. Elsewhere in the City, there is still scepticism that Hanson will make its move.

The rest of the equity market started the three week bank holiday account on a subdued note, weighed down by a long list of companies going ex-dividend, which was the equivalent of a fall of almost 7 points in the index. Prices recovered an early fall of almost 14 points with the FT-SE 100 ending only 1.2 lower at 2,569.4 in thin trading that saw turnover slump to 280 million shares. The FT index of 30 shares fell 2 points to 2,007.5.

There was little cheer for government securities, with falls of more than £½ at the longer end.

A rise of 1.5 per cent in the revised June retail sales figures provided only selective support for the stores sector, where the biggest move of the day was seen in Liberty, 90p *higher at 605p, after James* Capel, the broker, launched a raid on the shares. Investors seemed anxious to digest this week's steady stream of economic data before committing themselves. There are also worries still about a rise in German interest rates.



British Aerospace fell 8p to 556p as brokers continued reducing their profit forecasts. This time it was the turn of James Capel and County NatWest WoodMac, both *believed to have lowered their* estimates below £300 million. They follow hard on the heels of Kleinwort Benson, which last week cut its pre-tax profit prediction for the current year from £340 million to £295 *million and for 1992, £25* million to £335 million.

John Mowlem, the construction group, jumped 11p to 239p as Kleinwort Benson, the broker, continued to take a positive view on the shares. **Trafalgar House** improved 8p to 225p with the group celebrating the news it had been awarded a contract to build Britain's first toll motorway along with Italstat, the Italian company.

Shares in **Usher-Walker**, the printing inks and roller manufacturer headed by David Williams, former deputy chairman and acquisitions specialist at Mosaic Investments, rose 7p to 184p, against the market trend. The latest *rise follows news that Mander* Brothers Limited, a subsidiary of Manders (Holdings), one of Usher's main competitors, has acquired 40,180 shares in Usher, lifting its stake 1 per cent to 7.02 per cent.

Barton Group, where shareholders have until 3pm this afternoon to decide whether to follow take up their rights after the one-for-one issue at 30p to raise £161 million, saw its shares claw back another 1½p to 38p, against a recent low of 30½p. Volume reached 5.6 *million shares.*

News of the proposed $4 billion merger between BankAmerica and *security Pacific* in America left Reuters, the international news agency and financial information group, nursing a 12p loss at 828p. Dealers fear the merger will result in less demand for Reuters' screen-based computerised trading systems.

Some of the food retailers again found themselves under pressure. **Asda** finished 1½p lower at 87½p after going ex-*dividend*, **Argyll** 1p to 96p, and **Iceland** 6p to 369p. **Tesco** firmed ½p to 266p, and **Sainsbury** a similar amount at 365p.

Kwik Save Discount, however, fell 11p to 581p following bearish comments from Kleinwort Benson and worries about increased competition from **Gateway**.

Pearson, whose interests range from publishing through to merchant banking and leisure, fell 12p to 750p after reporting half-year figures showing pre-tax profits more than halved at £40.7 *million*.

Ferranti, the electronics group, slipped ½p to 7p, despite a £40 *million out-of-*court settlement from Peat Marwick, its accountant.

MICHAEL CLARK

Kuwait oil industry to resume drilling

By MARTIN BARROW

KUWAIT will begin drilling new *oil wells next month to* replace those damaged in the Gulf war.

The Kuwait Oil Company estimates that less than half the 640 wells set ablaze by Iraqi soldiers in the final days of the war would be productive once capped.

"It will be years before we really know *the extent of the* damage, but at most we can say it may have knocked off *five to ten years of the* reservoir's productive life," a source said.

Firefighters in Kuwait won a symbolic victory in their battle against the burning wells by putting out the last fire at al-Ahmadi a week ago. This brought the number of burning or gushing wells capped since Iraqi forces were driven out of Kuwait to 285.

Kuwait's oil production at present is between 120,000 and *130,000 barrels per day* (bpd), mainly from the Maqwa and Burgan fields. An additional 200,000 bpd is sourced in the neutral zone that Kuwait shares with Saudi Arabia.

Kuwaiti officials said they hoped production would increase to 400,000 bpd by the end of the year. Kuwait produced 2 million bpd before the Iraqi invasion.

Hamoud al-Raqba, the oil minister, said the cost of putting out the oil well fires would be $1 billion, while total damage to the emirate's oil industry, including lost production, could reach $75 billion. Kuwait believes all fires can be extinguished by March 1992.

HK ends at record despite run on banks

BANKS led the Hong Kong Stock Exchange to a record high yesterday with the dust *scarcely settled after runs on* Standard Chartered Bank and Citibank.

As business returned to normal, a leading banker said the government needed to stamp out a conspiracy of rumours aimed at destabilising the colony's banking system, which are believed to have prompted the runs. News that the run had cost Standard Chartered more *than HK$3 billion* (£227 million) in lost deposits in only two days did little to dampen the share market.

The Hang Seng index soared 46.13 points to close at a record 4,070.14.

Brokers believed many depositors took their savings from Standard Chartered on Friday and Saturday and from Citibank earlier in the week to Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation and Hang Seng Bank, its subsidiary.

Citibank declined to reveal how much it lost in its three-day run. Steve Baker, Hong Kong country corporate officer, said: "It was a small percentage of our total deposit base." Hongkong Bank said it was too early to say how much of the run money had ended with the group.

Standard Chartered was confident it had ridden the storm. Ian Wilson, Hong Kong chief executive, said the lost deposits would have no effect on the bank's operations. Mr Baker was confident Citibank's deposit base would recover quickly from the run. *(Reuter)*

BUSINESS LETTERS

Training is 'a success story'

From the Director, Economic Affairs, Confederation of British Industry

Sir, Philip Bassett's article (August 8) "Recession cuts into company budgets for staff *training", contains a number* of factually incorrect statements and gives a totally misleading impression of the picture emerging from CBI surveys.

A regional breakdown of the most recent industrial trends survey has yet to be published. The April CBI industrial trends survey shows that the proportion of companies planning to increase expenditure on training and retraining exceeds the proportion planning to reduce expenditure in ten of the 11 regions of the UK. This is totally contrary to many of the statements published in your article.

The article also states that "spending on training has fallen by three-quarters across the UK as a whole". This is incorrect. It is true that CBI surveys show a slowdown in the rate of increase in expenditure on training but spending is *still* rising. *Every* industrial trends survey in which the CBI has asked about training intentions (that is, since October 1989) shows more companies planning to increase expenditure than *reduce it, and this is true of the* latest survey for July.

The CBI has been in the forefront of many initiatives to improve the quality of UK training, most recently through the launch of world-class training targets. Employers are taking their responsibilities for training seriously because it *makes good business sense to* do so. That is why there are 1,200 chief executives on boards of the new Training and Enterprise Councils (Local Enterprise Companies in Scotland), which are seeking to raise employer commitment to training through training credits, "Investors in People" and *other employer-led skill* initiatives.

This is a remarkable success story. It is a pity your article did not reflect the true position of training, which is a record of achievement — not failure — in the face of recession.

Yours sincerely,
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Britain argues its case on EC takeover code

From the Minister for Corporate Affairs

Sir, Your business editorial (August 8) describes an ideal world where the European Community agrees a common code for takeovers based on British principles and institutions.

The UK government has had some success in influencing the proposed 13th company law (takeovers) directive, to include in it the central principles underlying our own takeover code. It is however the essence of our system that the Takeover Panel administers a non-statutory code which can be applied *flexibly within those principles.* The directive is based on detailed rules. It is by no means certain that we shall be able to secure agreement to the continuation of our code on its present non-statutory basis, with its attendant advantages of flexibility, speed of response and certainty. Nor is it clear that any directive, even if drafted to our *liking*, would permit a system as free from intervention by the courts as our own. There are more questions to be raised about the directive even though the principles underlying it are similar to those underlying the UK takeover code.

Of course the government *would like common rules* across the EC, which would improve the protection of shareholders during a bid, and reduce barriers to takeovers. At the same time we do not want to prejudice the effectiveness of our own tried and tested system. Given the differing attitudes amongst member states towards takeovers and rights of shareholders, negotiating a successful outcome will not be easy. The final version will be agreed by a qualified majority; no single country alone can veto it.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN REDWOOD,
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Capcom 'is clean'

From Mr Michael Barrett

Sir, On August 7 you published an article about our clients, Capcom Financial Services Ltd, under the headline "Dealer fined and expelled".

There were a number of inaccurancies in the article — not least, the headline itself.

Mr Akbar was a director of Capcom when he was arrested on drug laundering allegations. At his trail, it was accepted that Capcom was not involved. However, at the time of the arrest, Customs & Excise scoured Capcom's books for evidence of drug laundering. There was none. Capcom independently commissioned an investigation by Coopers & Lybrand, and was given a clean bill of health.

After vast expenditure on an investigation of Capcom over the best part of a year, the worst that the Association of Futures Brokers and Dealers (AFBD) could apparently say about Capcom — and we refer to their own press release — was that they were not sure who all the beneficial owners of shares might be.

Capcom was expelled for that. But there was no fine. It would be surprising if there was a fine for such a "non offence". But since it was expelled, Capcom had to pay the costs.

The size of the costs — £400,000 — had nothing to do with the seriousness of the offence (or lack of it). The AFBD said that was what their investigation had physically cost them, so that was the amount Capcom had to pay.

If there had been any serious wrongdoing at Capcom, the individuals involved would have been banned from working again in the regulated financial industry. The AFBD took no such action. In fact, they dropped allegations made at the start of the investigations.

To quote from remarks which the judge made about Capcom's supposed involvement in drugs laundering, at Mr Akbar's trial: "In other words, your company was a clean one".

Capcom believes that is still the case.

Yours faithfully,
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A vote for NEDs

From Mr Noel Falconer

Sir, The Chartered Institute of Management Accountants blames non-executive directors (NEDs) for excessive top-level pay rises, and shareholders for rubber-stamping their appointment. Both are symptoms of worse scourges.

NEDs should be the eyes of a board, alerting it to matters that do not impinge immediately on the business but, none the less, may affect it in the *longer term. Recruiting them* from any single group damages this function — as you see better with binocular vision, you understand better with multiple, different inputs. Restricting them to the executive class is particularly harmful, they then merely duplicate the perceptions of the *management. In particular,* the boards that authorised the recent awards valued the recipients highly because they were all of the same breed, without appreciating that the public might take a different view.

Again, executives respect executives. Executives of pension funds and the like believe that other good, able executives make fine NEDs, and cast the millions of shares they control accordingly. The recommended candidates are not idly accepted, they are the people those mega-voters want — even though the members of their funds and trusts, the ultimate owners of the shares they vote, might have chosen differently. Executives, in net, hold too much power. Property was similarly dominant early last century. The answer was universal franchise. It is here. NEDs should be elected on a one shareholder-one vote basis. Much as are the MPs who must legislate for this change.

Yours faithfully,
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Business opportunity. Lawn and landscape maintenance business. Fully equipped, currently over as monthly accounts and building up fast. Owned and operated by English couple who can give all information or immigration needs.
$160,000.
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NET Profit 50K + Per Annum.
Freehold title to property (Value 220K). TOTAL PRICE £400,000.
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No.	Company	Group	Gain or Loss
1	Prop Security	Property	
2	Lucas	Motors,Aircraft	
3	Anglian Water	Water	
4	Ryl Bk Scot	Banks,Discount	
5	Transport Dev	Transport	
6	Matthew Clark	Breweries	
7	Northumbrian	Water	
8	Salvesen (Chas)	Foods	
9	Stylo	Shoes, Leather	
10	Severn Trent	Water	
11	RMC Gp	Building,Roads	
12	Sthrn Water	Water	
13	Yorkshire Water	Water	
14	Guinness	Breweries	
15	Unilever	Industrials S-Z	
16	Nthn Foods	Foods	
17	Boots	Industrials A-D	
18	Close Bros	Banks,Discount	
19	Bridon	Industrials A-D	
20	Stanley Leisure	Leisure	
21	News Intl	Newspapers,Pub	
22	Ash & Lacy	Industrials A-D	
23	THORN EMI	Electricals	
24	Renishaw	Industrials L-R	
25	Davis Service	Industrials A-D	
26	Utd Biscuits	Foods	
27	Jones Stroud	Electricals	
28	Meyer Int	Building,Roads	
29	Courts Furnishers	Drapery,Stores	
30	Hutchen Whampoa	Industrials E-K	
31	Helical Bar	Property	
32	Lyles (S)	Textiles	
33	Unigate	Foods	
34	Rolls-Royce	Motors,Aircraft	
35	BICC	Electricals	
36	Fairey Group	Industrials E-K	
37	North West	Water	
38	Tex Hldgs	Industrials S-Z	
39	Compass Gp	Leisure	
40	Ferranti Elect	Electricals	
41	Southmrpwr	Newspapers,Pub	
42	Swire Pacific 'A'	Industrials S-Z	
43	Grand Met	Breweries	
44	Allied-Lyons	Breweries	

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Please take into account any minus signs

Weekly Dividend

Please make a note of your daily totals for the weekly dividend of £8,000 in Saturday's newspaper.

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	Weekly Total

Three winners share yesterday's £2,000 Portfolio Platinum prize. Mr Allan Duval, of Chesterton, Newcastle-under-Lyme, Staffs, Mrs Evelyn Sameresinghe, of Sheffield, and Mr William Atkinson, of Leyburn, North Yorkshire, each receive £666.66.

BRITISH FUNDS

1990/91 High Low Stock — Price Chge — Int. yield % — Gross red. yield %

SHORTS (Under Five Years)

98¾	98¾	Treas	8%	1991	98¾		8.08	10.316
100	99¾	Exch	11¾	1991	100		11.0	10.509
99¾	99¾	Treas	11¾%	1991	99¾			
99¾	99¾	Treas	9%	1992	99¾		9.19	8.981
99¾	99¾	Treas	9%	1992	99¾		8.11	10.217
99¾	99¾	Treas	10%	1992	99¾		10.6	10.208
100¾	99¾	Treas	C10¾%	1992	100¾		10.4	10.278
102¾	99¾	Exch	12¾%	1992	102		12.0	10.157
101¾	100¾	Treas	12¾%	1992	100¾		12.5	10.398
104¾	100¾	Treas	13¾%	1992	101¾		13.6	10.191
94	89¾	Exch	6%	1993	94		6.39	10.231
97¾	93¾	Treas	9¼%	1993	97¾		8.46	10.080
99¾	97¾	Treas	10%	1993	99¾		10.0	10.047
104¾	100¾	Treas	12¾%	1993	104		12.5	10.191
106¾	103¾	Treas	13¾%	1993	106¾		13.2	10.147
106¾	102¾	Exch	13¾%	1994	106¾		8.80	10.091
97¾	93¾	Treas	9%	1994	97¾		9.2	10.105
99¾	99¾	Exch	10%	1994	100¾		10.6	10.128
108¾	103¾	Exch	12¾%	1994	108¾		11.7	10.157
109	105¾	Exch	12¾%	1994	109		11.7	10.157
111¾	108¾	Treas	14¼%	1994	108¾		13.2	10.147
88	72¾		3%	1990-95	86¾		10.2	10.087
100¾	94¾	Exch	10¾%	1995	100¾		10.6	10.106
100¾	98¾	Treas	12%	1995	100¾		11.9	10.106
108¾	105¾	Treas	12¾%	1995	108¾		11.7	10.150

FIVE TO FIFTEEN YEARS

97¾	92¾	Treas	9%	1992-96	97		9.2	9.852
100	95¾	Conv	10¾	1992	99¾		10.8	10.105
99¾	97¾	Conv	10¾	1992	B			
112¾	108	Exch	13¾%	1992	110¾		11.9	10.295
113¾	109¾	Treas	14%	1992	113¾		12.4	10.384
119¾	115¾	Treas	15¾%	1992	117¾		12.8	10.388
94¾	88¾	Treas	8¾%	1997	94¾		8.2	10.057
103¾	97¾	Exch	11¾%	1997	101¾		10.5	10.128
113¾	108¾	Treas	13¾%	1997	111¾		11.6	10.501
122¾	117	Exch	15%	1997	120¾		12.4	10.424
98¾	90¾	Treas	8%	1998-00	98¾		7.8	9.579
98¾	91¾	Exch	9¾%	1998	98¾		9.9	10.127
109¾	104¾	Exch	12%	1998	108¾		11.5	10.215
121¾	113¾	Treas	13¾%	1998	119¾		11.5	10.312
97¾	90¾	Treas	9¼%	1999	97¾		9.7	9.979
101¾	95¾	Conv	10¾%	1999	100¾		10.2	10.166
109¾	97¾	Treas	10¾%	1999	101¾		10.3	10.146
111¾	105	Exch	12¾%	1999	110¾		11.5	10.347
94¾	89¾	Conv	9%	2000	94¾		9.5	9.586
116¾	110¾	Treas	13%	2000	115¾		11.2	10.334
99¾	89¾	Conv	8¾%	2001	98¾		8.86	8.936
100¾	89¾	Conv	8¾%	2001	98¾		8.86	8.936
98¾	88¾	Conv	10%	2001 a	98¾		10.0	10.079
116¾	113	Treas	14%	1998-01	117¾		11.9	10.402
81¾	77¾	Exch	9%	2002	81¾		9.00	9.800
98¾	91¾	Conv	9¾%	2002	97¾		9.9	10.077
97¾	92¾	Conv	10%	2002	97¾		9.96	9.900
118¾	84	Treas	10%	2002-03	117¾		10.0	10.041
117¾	110¾	Treas	13¾%	2000-03	117¾			
56¾	53¾	Exch	3¾%	1986-04	56¾			
97	90¾	Conv	9¾%	2004	96¾		9.7	10.067
108¾	102	Treas	11¾%	2001-04	107¾		10.7	10.397
97¾	95¾	Conv	9¾%	2005	96¾		9.9	9.973
118¾	110¾	Treas	12¾%	2003-05	116¾		10.7	10.067

OVER FIFTEEN YEARS

85¾	79¾	Treas	8%	2002-06	84¾		9.4	9.877
90	81¾	Exch	8¾%	2007	89		9.85	9.864
112¾	105¾	Treas	11¾%	2003-07	111¾		10.5	10.088
94¾	88¾	Treas	9%	2008	93		9.5	9.892
99¾	98¾	Treas	9¾%	2008 G				
125¾	118¾	Treas	13¾%	2004-08	124¾		10.2	10.088
95¾	89	Exch	9%	2009	94¾		9.45	9.888
94¾	85¾	Conv	9%	2011	94¾		9.5	9.888
89¾	39¾	Conv	9%	2011 PP	62¾		9.5	9.578
89¾	39¾	Treas	5¼%	2008-12	62¾		8.45	9.578
89¾	74¾	Treas	7¾%	2012-15	91		8.5	8.488
121¾	113¾	Exch	12%	2013-17	119		10.0	9.857

UNDATED

26%	23¾	Consols		2½%	25¾			
28¾	23¾	Treas		3½%	24¾			
29¾	29¾	Treas		4%	29¾			
32¾	27¾	Conv		3½%	30¾			
30¾	26¾	Consols		4%	28¾			
35¾	35¾	War Ln		3½%	35¾			

INDEX-LINKED

131¾	125¾	Treas IL	2%	1988	131¾			
118¾	115¾	Treas IL	2%	1994	118¾			
172¾	166¾	Treas IL	2%	1996	171¾	+¾		
149¾	137¾	Treas IL	2½%	2001	147¾			
139¾	133¾	Treas IL	2½%	2006	138¾			
140¾	135	Treas IL	2%	2008	138¾			
128¾	124¾	Treas IL	2½%	2009	126¾			
135¾	127¾	Treas IL	2½%	2011	133¾			
108¾	105¾	Treas IL	2½%	2016	114¾			
117¾	113¾	Treas IL	2½%	2020	116¾			
113¾	109¾	Treas IL	2½%	2022	112¾			
98¾	91¾	Treas IL	2½%	2024	93			

BANKS, DISCOUNT, HP

1991 High Low Company — Bid — Price Offer — Ch'nge — Gross div p — Gross Yld % — P/E

311	211	Abbey Nationl	302	304	-2	19.1	4.5	10.2
165	128	Alex Hldg	160	162				
22	12	Allchurch (Henry)	15	17				
174	116	Alt Mer Z	165	167	-1	5.0	6.1	
173	116	Amro	165	167	-1			
116	116	Bk of Ireland	116	117				
117	116	Bk of Scotland	116	117				
350	340	Barclays	346	348	-2	20.0	5.7	9.6
238	238	Brit Linen Wts						
238	238	Brown Shipley	238	242		10.7	4.4	11.1
5	5	Cater Allen						
238	238	Charterhouse						
238	238	Chancery						
238	238	Clydesdale Bnkg						
238	238	Coutts & Co						
238	238	Cyprus Popular						
238	238	Duncan Lawrie						
238	238	Exeter						
238	238	First Nat Fin						
238	238	First Sec						
238	238	Gerrard & Nat						
238	238	Girobank						
238	238	Guinness Mahon						
238	238	Hambros						
238	238	Hill Samuel						
238	238	Kleinwort Benson						
238	238	Lazards						
238	238	Lloyds						
238	238	Mallinhall (Lampitt)						
238	238	Mercantile Hse						
238	238	Morgan Grenfell						
238	238	Nat Bk of Antrim						
238	238	Nat Comm						
238	238	Nat Westminster						
238	238	Rea Bros						
238	238	Rothschild						
238	238	Royal Bk Scot						
238	238	Schlesinger						
238	238	Schroders						
238	238	Singer & Friedlander						
238	238	Smith St Aubyn						
238	238	Standard Chart						
238	238	Standard Chtd						
238	238	Trustee Savings Bk						
238	238	Ulster Bk						
238	238	Union Discount						
238	238	Wagg (Jo)						
238	238	Warburg (S G)						
238	238	Wells Fargo						
238	238	Westpac						
238	238	Wintrust	222	224	-2	12.4	4.1	11.3

STOCK EXCHANGE PRICES

Trading slow

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began August 12. Dealings end August 30. §Contango day September 2. Settlement day September 9. §Forward bargains are permitted on two previous business days.

Prices recorded are at market close. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close, but adjustments are made when a stock is ex-dividend. Where one price is quoted, it is a middle price. Changes, yields and price/earnings ratios are based on middle prices.

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DAILY DIVIDEND £2,000

Claims required for +33 points

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1991 High Low Company — Price Bid Offer — Change — Gross div p — Gross Yld % — P/E

BREWERIES

146	120	Allied-Lyons	144	145	-1	7.3	5.1	8.8
217	167	Bass	215	216	-1	11.4	5.3	8.8
174	140	Boddington	170	172		8.4	4.9	9.5
170	140	Brakspear (W)	170	172		8.4	4.9	9.5
170	140	Brewster Sheppard						
170	140	Brunning Gp						
170	140	Burtonwood Brew						
170	140	Buston Mot						
170	140	Chrmn King						
170	140	Devenish (A)						
170	140	Eldridge Pope						
170	140	Fullers						
170	140	Greene King						
170	140	Hall & Woodhouse						
170	140	Highgate Dist						
170	140	Hook Norton						
170	140	Ind Thompson						
170	140	Inn Keepers						
170	140	Jennings						
170	140	Lees (JW)						
170	140	Marston Thompson						
170	140	Matthew Clark						
170	140	Mitchells & Butlers						
170	140	Morland						
170	140	Robinson (Frederic)						
170	140	Scottish Courage						
170	140	Shepherd Neame						
170	140	Tennent Caledonian						
170	140	Theakston (T & R)						
170	140	Thwaites (Daniel)						
170	140	Vaux Group						
170	140	Wadworth						
170	140	Whitbread 'A'						
170	140	Whitbread 'B'						
170	140	Whitbread 'C'						
170	140	Whitbread 'D'						
170	140	Whitbread 'E'						
170	140	Whitbread 'F'						
170	140	Whitbread 'G'						
170	140	Whitbread 'H'						
170	140	Whitbread 'I'						
170	140	Whitbread 'J'						
170	140	Whitbread 'K'						
170	140	Whitbread 'L'						
170	140	Whitbread 'M'						
170	140	Whitbread 'N'						
170	140	Whitbread 'O'						
170	140	Whitbread 'P'						
170	140	Whitbread 'Q'						
170	140	Whitbread 'R'						
170	140	Whitbread 'S'						
170	140	Whitbread 'T'						
170	140	Whitbread 'U'						
170	140	Whitbread 'V'						
170	140	Whitbread 'W'						
170	140	Whitbread 'X'						
170	140	Whitbread 'Y'						
170	140	Whitbread 'Z'						
170	140	Young 'A'						

BUILDING, ROADS

77	48	Abbey						
136	96	Amec						
136	96	Anglo Sec						
136	96	Ashtead						
136	96	Associated Nwspr						
136	96	Bardon Hill						
136	96	Barratt Dev						
136	96	Beazer Homes						
136	96	Bellway						
136	96	Berkeley Gp						
136	96	Bett Bros						
136	96	Blue Circle						
136	96	Bovis						
136	96	Brewer (C)						
136	96	Brick Hldgs						
136	96	Britannia Build						
136	96	Brown & Root						
136	96	Bryant Gp						
136	96	Budge Gp						
136	96	Burnett & Hallam						
136	96	Burton Gp						
136	96	Caradon						
136	96	Carillion						
136	96	Carlton Comm						
136	96	Cattles						
136	96	Chelsea Man						
136	96	Clarke (Nigel)						
136	96	Concentric						
136	96	Costain Gp						
136	96	Countryside Prop						
136	96	Crest Nicholson						
136	96	Crouch Gp						
136	96	Cruden Group						
136	96	Davis Service						
136	96	Dawson Int						
136	96	Do 'A'						
136	96	Do Wts						
136	96	Dowty Gp						
136	96	Edbro						
136	96	Ellis & Everard						
136	96	Evered Colour						
136	96	Fairclough						
136	96	Fairclough (James)						
136	96	Fairclough DMSO						
136	96	Fairclough Dom Int						
136	96	Ferguson						
136	96	Fitzpatrick Hldgs						
136	96	Fitzpatrick Zock						
136	96	Do 'A'						
136	96	Forbuoys						
136	96	Fraser Nelson						
136	96	Galliford						
136	96	Gibbs (Mark)						
136	96	Gleeson (M J)						
136	96	Glynwed Int						
136	96	Grampian Hldgs						
136	96	Grassmere						
136	96	Gunite Group						
136	96	Hall (Robert)						
136	96	Hall (Robert) Wts						
136	96	Hall (Thomas)						
136	96	Hanson						
136	96	Hardy Oil & Gas						
136	96	Harrisons & Cros						
136	96	Hawtin						
136	96	Hazlewood Foods						
136	96	Heiton Hldgs						
136	96	Henry Boot						
136	96	Higgs & Hill						
136	96	Higgs & Hill Wts						
136	96	Hillsdown Hldgs						
136	96	Hollis Bros						
136	96	Holt (Henry)						
136	96	Howard Machy						
136	96	Howard Tenens						
136	96	Hunting Gp						
136	96	Ibstock Johnsen						
136	96	Ibstock Johnsen Wts						
136	96	Ideal Standard						
136	96	Ind Precision						
136	96	Inspec Group						
136	96	Interbuild Inv						
136	96	Jarvis						
136	96	Jarvis Porter						
136	96	Jarvis Porter Wts						
136	96	Jelson						
136	96	Kier Gp						
136	96	Kwik-Fit						
136	96	Lafarge						
136	96	Lafarge Wts						
136	96	Lilley						
136	96	Linsley (D)						
136	96	Lovell (J)						
136	96	Lovell (J) Wts						
136	96	Lucas Ind						
136	96	Lucas Ind Wts						
136	96	Lynton						
136	96	Mackenzie						
136	96	Mackenzie Wts						
136	96	Magnet						
136	96	Magnet Wts						
136	96	Marley						
136	96	Marshalls						
136	96	Mayflower Corp						
136	96	Meggitt						
136	96	Melville Dundas						
136	96	Mercury Communic						
136	96	Metal Box						
136	96	Milbury						
136	96	Miller (Stanley)						
136	96	Mitchell Cotts						
136	96	Mitchell Page						
136	96	Mitchell Page Wts						
136	96	Mowlem (John)						
136	96	Mowlem (John) Wts						
136	96	Nash Dredging						
136	96	Nash Dredging Wts						
136	96	Nestor Healey						
136	96	Newarthill						
136	96	Northern Electric						
136	96	Northern Electric Wts						
136	96	Norwest Holst						
136	96	Norwest Holst Wts						
136	96	Ocean Wilsons						
136	96	Ocean Wilsons Wts						
136	96	Pauls & Whites						
136	96	Pauls & Whites Wts						
136	96	Pearson						
136	96	Pearson Wts						
136	96	Pentland Ind						
136	96	Pentland Ind Wts						
136	96	Pilkington						
136	96	Pilkington Wts						
136	96	Polypipe						
136	96	Powell Duffryn						
136	96	Powell Duffryn Wts						
136	96	Powerscreen						
136	96	Prosser (Thos)						
136	96	Prosser (Thos) Wts						
136	96	Queens Moat Hses						
136	96	Queens Moat Hses Wts						
136	96	Ransomes						
136	96	Ransomes Wts						
136	96	Rentokil						
136	96	Rentokil Wts						
136	96	Rexec						
136	96	Rexec Wts						
136	96	Ricardo Int						
136	96	Ricardo Int Wts						
136	96	Richard (Lewis)						
136	96	Richardson West						
136	96	Richardson West Wts						
136	96	Robertson (Thomas)						
136	96	Robertson (Thomas) Wts						
136	96	Rotaflex						
136	96	Rotaflex Wts						
136	96	Rugby Group						
136	96	Rugby Group Wts						
136	96	Rugby Int						
136	96	Rugby Int Wts						
136	96	Russell (A)						
136	96	Sabah Timber						
136	96	Sabah Timber Wts						
136	96	Scapa Group						
136	96	Scapa Group Wts						
136	96	Scottish & Newcastle						
136	96	Scottish & Newcastle Wts						
136	96	Scottish Hydro						
136	96	Scottish Hydro Wts						
136	96	Sears						
136	96	Sears Wts						
136	96	Shanks & McEwan						
136	96	Shanks & McEwan Wts						
136	96	Sheffield Insulations						
136	96	Sheffield Insulations Wts						
136	96	Shepherd Bldg						
136	96	Shepherd Bldg Wts						
136	96	Simon Engineering						
136	96	Simon Engineering Wts						
136	96	Smith (David S)						
136	96	Smith (David S) Wts						
136	96	Smith (Herbert)						
136	96	Smith (Herbert) Wts						
136	96	Smith (Paul)						
136	96	Smith (Paul) Wts						
136	96	Smith & Nephew						
136	96	Smith & Nephew Wts						
136	96	Smiths Ind						
136	96	Smiths Ind Wts						
136	96	Somerfield						
136	96	Somerfield Wts						
136	96	Southern Electric						
136	96	Southern Electric Wts						
136	96	Speyhawk						
136	96	Speyhawk Wts						
136	96	Stakis						
136	96	Stakis Wts						
136	96	Stanley (P & O)						
136	96	Stanley (P & O) Wts						
136	96	Stanley (P & O) Dfd						
136	96	Stanley (P & O) Dfd Wts						
136	96	Stanley (P & O) 5.5%						
136	96	Stanley (P & O) 5.5% Wts						
136	96	Stanley Leisure						
136	96	Stanley Leisure Wts						
136	96	Steetley						
136	96	Steetley Wts						
136	96	Stone Int						
136	96	Stone Int Wts						
136	96	Tarmac						
136	96	Tarmac Wts						
136	96	Taylor Woodrow						
136	96	Taylor Woodrow Wts						
136	96	Tilbury Group						
136	96	Tilbury Group Wts						
136	96	Tilcon						
136	96	Tilcon Wts						
136	96	Tilling (John)						
136	96	Tilling (John) Wts						
136	96	Tilling (Thomas)						
136	96	Tilling (Thomas) Wts

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	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
ABBEY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
80, Holdenhurst Rd, Bournemouth Rms 8AL Tel: 0345 717373 (Lindiine)				
Mastertrust Acc	89.28	95.46	-0.36	2.14
Inc	83.05	87.97	-0.33	1.31
Div/Gth	49.70	52.97e	-0.14	5.67
Global Gth Sec	82.60	85.52	+0.57	1.81
Special	89.47	93.97	-0.29	3.13
High Inc Equity	138.2	144.5e	-0.8	5.67
Wyllde Bond	205.1	217.4e	+0.4	8.99
Gilt/Fixed	114.8	121.5	..	9.47
ABTRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
29, Queens Terrace, Aberdeen AB9 1QJ Tel: 0224 632076 dealing (Freephone) 0800 282000				
24, Finsbury Circus, London EC2M 7DQ Tel: 071-374 6881				
Am Inc/Gth	31.13	33.01	-0.01	2.41
Euro	71.48	75.86	-0.18	0.50
Income	74.00	78.01e	+0.01	1.55
Exempt	785.8	791.19	-3.4	5.18
Extra Inc	39.67	42.53	-0.02	5.78
Pac Emerg Ec	50.39	54.39e	+0.05	1.18
ALLIED DUNBAR UNIT TRUSTS				
Allied Dunbar Centre, Swindon SN1 1EL Tel: 0793 514814 dealing 0793 513092				
High Inc	359.1	382.4	+0.5	5.33
Equity Inc	192.2	204.6e	+0.1	5.00
High Yield	210.1	224.2	-0.4	8.64
Balanced	282.4	298.1	-0.8	2.12
Am Inc	34.84	37.10e	-0.07	4.18
World Acc Val	32.36	34.99e	-0.47	1.54
Japan	186.8	198.5	-2.6	0.61
Set of Am	317.3	337.3	+0.1	0.01
BL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
PO Box 139 Beckenham Kent BR3 4PW Tel: 081-663 3000				
Euro Gth	62.12	67.69	-0.09	1.49
TSB Euro Spc	61.17	65.41e	-0.16	1.49
Ind Inc	94.25	100.85	+0.11	3.00
Nam Gth	61.72	65.31e	+0.19	1.45
Pacific Gth	73.66	80.62	-0.41	1.67
UK Gth Acc	80.50	86.07	-0.29	3.13
Do Dist	71.43	76.39	-0.41	3.39
UK Income	82.21	88.53	-0.15	5.76
BARCLAYS UNICORN				
Unicorn House, 252, Romford Rd E7 Tel: 081-534 5544				
Capit	89.91	95.39e	..	3.69
Euro Gth Inc	93.84	100.29	..	0.78
Extra Inc	99.65	106.23	..	5.73
General	204.2	218.4	..	3.01
Gt/Fxd Income	51.90	53.75e	..	9.90
Inc Trust	43.0	45.58	..	6.15
DARING FUND MANAGERS				
PO Box 156, Beckenham, Kent BR3 4XD Tel: 081-658 6002				
Amer Gth	68.42	72.43e	+0.08	0.49
Am Sm Cos	78.28	82.13	+0.11	0.20
Australia	90.47	94.99	-0.23	1.50
Convertible	44.56	47.74	-0.17	6.49
East	134.7	143.9	-1.1	0.20
Equity Inc	78.91	82.75	-0.30	5.70
Euro Gth	179.1	190.4	-0.6	2.20
Europ Smr Cos	154.8	165.4	+0.4	1.40
Europe	69.70	73.57e	..	1.00
German Gth	45.05	49.20	-0.13	1.00
Global Gth	82.76	88.45	-0.21	1.00
Jap Gth	153.5	163.29	-2.7	0.00
Jap Sunrise	139.5	148.2	-2.5	0.00
Portfolio	96.91	102.9e	-0.30	3.70
Do Acc	166.1	173.1e	-0.3	3.70
UK Growth	53.90	57.32	-0.41	4.30
UK Smlr Cos	67.89	72.80	-0.17	2.50
Select Man	53.48	56.89	-0.18	3.00
DRITANNIA LIFE UNIT MANAGERS LTD				
100, West George St, Glasgow G2 2PA Tel: 041-332 3122				
Eaton Gth Acc	80.79	86.40	+0.16	2.71
Do Inc	76.29	81.59	+0.17	2.71
Global Bond	82.89	84.77	-0.02	6.58
High Yield Acc	42.67	45.50e	+0.11	5.18
Do Inc	32.29	34.47e	+0.09	5.18
Inc Gth Acc	59.78	63.94	+0.11	5.18
Do Inc	54.28	58.04	+0.09	5.18
Sercon Co Acc	65.00	70.59	-0.02	2.46
Do Inc	62.74	67.15	-0.02	2.46
Am Gth Acc	33.08	33.39e	+0.07	1.29
Do Inc	32.40	34.65e	+0.07	1.29
Euro Gth Acc	26.76	28.62	-0.10	1.88
Do Inc	26.26	28.08	-0.11	1.88
Managed Port	25.25	27.00	..	0.00
BROWN SHIPLEY				
0-17, Pennycomequick Rd, Haywards Heath Tel: 0444 458144				
Financial	105.8	112.7e	-1.4	4.19
Smlr Cos Acc	181.2	193.3	+0.2	0.00
Do Inc	110.2	118.3	+0.1	1.66
High Inc	65.82	70.10	-0.55	6.24
Income	97.08	103.9	-0.49	5.22
Main Portf Inc	90.57	96.05e	-0.41	5.25
Do Acc	146.9	156.4e	-0.8	2.91
Am Amer	77.40	82.43	-0.69	0.29
Orient	98.7	109.2	-1.3	0.35
Exempt	288.6	301.6	-0.4	4.49
Recov	32.01	34.10	-0.21	3.46
German	36.89	39.86	+0.15	0.19
Ind Recov	29.37	30.21	-0.04	0.00
Europe	28.37	22.48	-0.04	0.55
Conv Genl	17.35	18.48	+0.36	10.51
BUCKMASTER MANAGEMENT				
Beaufort Hse 15 St Botolph St London EC3A 7JJ Tel: 071-247 4942 Dealing 071-247 7474				
Fellowship Inc	53.92	58.73	-0.14	2.76
Do Acc	57.49	61.17	-0.15	2.76
Inc Fund 3	108.2	115.9	..	5.99
Do Acc 3	357.0	379.8	+0.1	5.65
Inv Port Inc	53.17	55.03e	-0.24	3.03
Do Acc	59.16	60.19e	-0.38	3.03
Smlr Cos 5	92.20	97.83e	+0.10	3.30
Do Acc	108.4	112.8e	+0.1	3.30
Hi Inc Prf Inc	49.12	50.80e	-0.21	8.29
BURRAGE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
117 Fenchurch Street London EC3M 5AL Tel: 071-488 7218				
Shr Gth Fnd Inc	62.04	62.85	+0.02	6.91
CIS UNIT MANAGERS LTD				
PO Box 105 Manchester M60 0AH Tel: 061-837 5080				
Environ	100.8	107.3	-0.3	2.43
UK Growth	114.7	122.1e	-0.6	2.74
UK Income	107.9	114.8	-0.3	5.65
CANNON FUND MANAGERS				
1, Olympic Way, Wembley Middx HA9 0NB Tel: 081-902 8876				
SE Asia	92.97	98.85	-0.08	2.19
Growth	36.69	42.46e	-0.31	3.91
Income	48.39	51.55e	-0.25	9.24
Far East	38.94	41.85e	-0.40	0.73
Nth Amer	55.42	59.27e	+0.10	0.59
Global	60.48	64.68	-0.38	0.30
European	98.78	93.92	-0.25	2.98
Japan	94.52	101.1	-1.50	0.01
Strategic Opp	48.78	50.03	-0.11	2.16
Int Currency	47.02	49.06	+0.13	7.18
CAPEL-CURE MYERS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
29 Fountain Street, Manchester M2AAF Tel: Enquiries: 061-236 5685 Dealings:061-236 6362				
Capability Trusts				
Am & Gen	54.85	100.7	-0.31	0.39
Do Acc	100.5	107.0	-0.32	0.39
European	87.59	91.19e	-0.15	1.30
Do Acc	89.82	93.24e	-0.16	1.30
Fl East/Gen	47.84	50.89	-0.27	0.00
Do Acc	47.84	50.89	-0.77	0.00
Glen/Inco	225.3	240.4	+0.6	2.53
Do Acc	244.8	260.5	+0.7	2.53
Growth	238.1	319.3e	-1.6	2.54
Do Acc	303.8	312.8e	-0.8	2.54
Inc &Gth Inc	223.1	243.5e	-0.2	5.01
Do Acc	403.0	429.8e	-0.2	5.01
Master Portf	233.47	87.71e	-0.35	2.79
Do Acc	553.55	97.65e	-0.38	2.79
Spec Sits	84.71	89.65e	-0.35	2.91
Do Acc	72.88	77.54e	-0.40	2.91
Exempt Fund				
High Yld Exempt	210.43	10.76	-0.01	5.80
Do Acc	211.26	11.81	-0.01	5.80
CAPEL (JAMES) MANAGEMENT				
3, Hanover Exchange Square, London, E14 9XA Tel: Telephone: 071-655 3000 Dealings : 071-655 3000				
Amer Index	161.2	181.1	-0.5	2.11
Capit	468.6	500.3	-0.3	2.73
Euro Index	116.1	117.4	-0.2	2.01
Euro Growth	71.86	76.79	-0.28	1.77
Far East Gth	67.46	72.01	-0.67	1.27
Global Bond	99.12	21.406	+0.04	5.82
Gold Min S &	64.35	68.71e	-1.45	3.58
Hong Kong	45.09	48.02	+0.33	2.93
Income	441.9	471.8	-0.8	5.47
Ind Stp Sts	91.38	95.44e	-0.55	1.88
Jap Gth	189.8	218.0	-4.0	0.00
Jap Smlr Cos	30.63	32.85	-0.61	0.00
Jap Index	93.68	98.19	-0.94	0.34
N Amer	312.2	333.1	..	1.37
Sing Malay	85.30	91.39	-1.1	0.00
Tiger Index	93.49	99.77	-0.33	1.12
UK Index	107.5	114.7e	-0.3	4.16
CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
16 Tokenhouse Yard, London EC2R 7AN Tel: 071-588 2828				
Amer Portf	56.77	62.61	+0.02	1.73
Euro Port	89.26	98.39	-0.07	0.88
Jap Port	44.47	47.98e	-0.35	0.00
Pacific Portf	81.27	89.39	+1.17	0.00
Portf	59.41	63.56e	-0.12	2.97
UK Inc/Gth	57.03	61.31	-0.33	5.34
CENTRAL BOARD OF FINANCE OF CHURCH OF ENGLAND				
2, Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ Tel: 071-588 1815				
Income	548.4	548.7	..	5.23
Fixed Int	137.5	138.1	..	10.50
Deposit	100.0		..	10.50
CHARITIES OFFICIAL INVESTMENT FUND				
2, Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ Tel: 071-588 1815				
Income	627.4	630.79	..	5.22
Acc	£19.12	19.36	..	..
Deposit	100.0		..	10.76
Fixed Int Inc	111.3	111.59	..	10.49
Do Acc	125.0	125.39	..	..
CITY FINANCIAL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
1 Whites Hart Yard London Bridge SE1 Tel: 071-407 5988				
Assets	51.75	54.48e	-0.50	2.56
Assets Int Cp Ac	62.60	64.51	+0.28	0.45
Friar Hse Inc	169.4	179.5	-0.8	5.30
Friar Hse Cap	208.2	220.6	-0.1	2.76
COMMERCIAL UNION TRUST MANAGERS				
St Helen's, 1, Undershaft, London EC3P 3DQ Tel: Enquiries 081-681 3222 Dealing 081-686 9815				
Am Gth	78.44	83.45	-0.22	1.71
Euro Gth	78.99	83.06	-0.39	1.46
Far East	72.44	77.08	-0.62	0.71
Jap Growth	34.49	36.70	-0.26	0.00
Managed Inc	62.61	65.97	-0.34	5.25
Do Acc	63.40	64.29	-0.39	5.25
Monthly Inc	42.15	44.85e	+0.17	10.09
Pac Basin	25.44	27.07	-0.08	2.52
Do Acc	25.44	27.07	-0.08	2.52
UK/Gen Inc	61.31	65.22	..	4.06
Do Acc	70.28	74.77	+0.01	4.06
Whistle Bond	48.54	52.74	+0.01	5.41
Do Acc	57.93	61.63	+0.14	5.41
Whistle Sp Sits	44.22	47.29e	-0.25	1.24
Do accum	48.76	48.84e	-0.28	1.24
Cadbry Gen Inc	108.1	114.9	-0.25	1.98
Do Acc	112.3	119.5	-0.25	1.98
Cadbur Inc	57.86	63.26e	-0.01	5.74
Do Acc	66.16	105.5e	-0.01	5.74
Cadbur Int Inc	104.8	110.5	-0.55	0.01
Do Acc	104.8	111.5	-0.58	0.01
Cbr UK S/S Inc	68.64	73.02	-0.10	4.39
Do Acc	68.69	94.84	-0.14	4.39
COMMERCIAL UNION PRESTIGE FUND MANAGEMENT				
Finance/Prop	68.16	93.78	-0.54	3.23
Financial/Com	93.31	99.27e	-1.04	0.00
Inc	80.41	85.54e	-0.11	5.08
Equity Inc	128.8	136.0e	-0.89	5.52
Do Acc	368.4	421.7e	-2.53	5.52
High Yield Inc	105.7	112.5	-1.57	6.99
Do Acc	113.2	120.5	-1.68	6.99
Preference Inc	98.16	40.80e	+0.14	10.03
Do Acc	173.3	184.4e	+0.63	10.03
PPT Europe	103.0	109.6e	+0.32	1.72
PPT Global	90.91	94.86e	-0.39	3.80
PPT Gld/Com	45.98	48.89e	-0.24	2.45
PPT Thai	37.35	40.37e	-0.09	0.00
PPT HK	51.91	55.22e	+0.46	1.39
PPT Japan	90.81	96.58e	-0.51	1.01
PPT Nth Amer	104.0	110.7e	-0.57	1.00
PPT Stog/Hi	71.85	76.42e	+2.49	0.00
PPT UK	100.5	106.9e	-1.08	1.60
PPT Cash	92.46	e+0.05		11.02
EFM UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
4, Melville Crescent, Edinburgh Tel: 031				
226 6626				
Assur	97.94	99.44	-0.11	1.15
Capit	119.3	126.6	+0.4	2.57
Convertible	92.53	23.92	-0.01	5.56
Eurofund	32.86	34.52	-0.03	1.16
Exempt Mngd	142.8	152.5	..	5.98
Exempt Inc	92.74	98.97e	-0.04	7.09
Growth/Inc	199.2	211.7e	-0.8	5.68
High Dist	141.5	150.1	+0.1	6.68
High Inc	95.46	100.7e	-0.39	6.46
Inc/Growth	118.0	125.2e	+0.1	6.16
Int	270.0	286.9e	-1.3	1.53
Pacific	37.58	39.91	-0.07	1.06
Smlr Cos Inc	64.50	68.53	-1.24	0.00
Tokyo	199.6	179.7	-3.1	0.00
Eu Am 2	158.5	168.3	..	1.54
Eu Inc 3	114.6	116.8	..	0.00
Eu Smlr Jap 4	555.2	576.5	..	0.00
EAGLE STAR UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
Bath Road, Cheltenham, Gloucester GL53 7LG Tel: 0242 577555				
Orient Op Acc	82.39	94.11	+0.08	1.33
Japanese	58.00	59.32	-1.15	0.00
UK Balan Inc	94.91	103.1	-0.80	3.56
Do Acc	108.5	116.5	-0.7	3.56
UK Gth Accum	108.9	170.5	-0.7	2.10
UK Hi Yld	118.0	123.4	-0.5	5.69
UK Hi Inc Acc	124.7	133.7	-0.4	5.69
N Amer Acc	80.26	85.40e	-0.49	1.07
Euro Acc	109.7	112.4e	-0.6	0.65
UK Pref/Fi Inc	54.74	58.66	+0.02	8.21
Do Acc	76.46	83.21	+0.04	8.21
Int Ep S Acc	40.56	45.17	-0.44	0.67
Emerall Opp	64.26	67.71	-0.52	1.39
EASTFINANCE FUND MANAGEMENT LTD				
41, Hertington Gardens London SW7 4JU Tel: 071 373 7261				
Endurance	147.8	157.2	..	1.87
EQUITABLE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
Walton Street Aylesbury, HP21 7QW Tel: 0296 421480				
Equity Pension	102.8	108.2	+0.19	5.21
High Inc	109.2	115.9	+0.08	6.07
T Tr Am Tr	160.7	118.5e	-2.17	3.23
Spec Sits	85.01	100.5	-0.82	4.98
N Am	77.36	81.39	-0.01	0.98
Fin Sect	171.8	180.9e	-1.36	1.30
Int Gth	76.29	80.01	-0.5	2.16
Euro	88.39	89.35	-0.10	1.04
Smlr Cos	88.16	95.98	+0.08	4.36
EQUITY & LAW				
St. Georges Hse Corporation St. Coventry CV1 1QZ Tel: 0203 553251				
UK Gth Accum	238.5	277.3	-1.4	5.27
Do Inc	185.7	208.3	-1.1	3.57
Higher Inc Acc	458.9	488.3	-1.5	4.66
Do Inc	393.6	333.3	-1.3	4.66
Glbl/Fxd Acc	137.4	144.7	-0.1	0.00
Do Inc	82.16	86.48	-0.11	0.00
N America	171.9	180.9	+0.2	0.00
Far East	225.5	238.9	-2.4	0.00
Europe	201.1	214.5	-0.5	2.10
Gilt	180.3	189.4	-0.4	5.19
Gensl Acc	373.0	396.9	-1.4	2.39
Gr Resource	84.01	87.48	-0.52	2.55
Gr Resource Inc	78.91	82.98	-0.49	2.55
Do Acc	87.48	71.39	-0.55	5.22
Global Ops	98.35	98.95	-0.09	0.00
FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVICES LTD				
Oakhill House, 130 Tonbridge Road Hildenborough Kent TN11 9DZ Tel: 0800 414161				
Euro Income	78.83	83.51e	-0.35	3.35
Far East	119.1	125.1	-1.3	0.00
Gilt/Fixed Int	94.11	100.1	-0.80	3.56
Income	108.5	116.5	-0.7	3.96
UK Gth Accum	180.8	170.5	-0.7	2.10
UK Hi Yld	118.0	123.4	-0.5	5.69
UK Hi Inc Acc	124.7	133.7	-0.4	5.69
N Amer Acc	80.26	85.40e	-0.49	1.07
Euro Acc	109.7	112.4e	-0.6	0.65
UK Pref/Fi Inc	54.74	58.66	+0.02	8.21
Do Acc	76.46	83.21	+0.04	8.21
Int Ep S Acc	40.56	45.17	-0.44	0.67
Emerall Opp	64.26	67.71	-0.52	1.39
FRAMLINGTON UNIT MANAGEMENT				
155, Bishopsgate London EC2M 3PT Tel: 071-374 4160				
Am Smlr Cos	284.0	308.2e	+1.2	..
Do Acc	290.1	314.8e	+1.1	..
Capit Acc	234.3	245.2	-0.4	0.22
Do Acc	310.8	330.0	-0.6	0.22
Cont Smlr Inc	41.35	44.94	-0.04	0.27
Do Acc	42.28	45.89	-0.05	0.27
Cntry Inc	100.9	109.5e	-0.8	7.57
Do Acc	170.8	180.4e	-0.8	7.57
Euro Inc	88.71	94.61	-0.56	0.54
Do Acc	91.13	97.20	-0.65	0.54
Extra Inc Inc	80.84	84.71	+0.03	0.97
Do Acc	118.5	338.7e	-0.9	5.84
Financial Acc	92.86	98.97	+0.05	0.97
Do Inc	90.84	94.71	+0.03	0.97
Inc Trust	140.2	149.5	-0.8	5.33
Int Acc	264.5	217.9	-0.8	..
Int Gth	242.4	258.5	-1.0	..
Do Acc	269.2	288.8	-1.0	..
Jap & Gen Inc	145.7	154.2	-2.0	..
Do Acc	145.7	154.2	-2.0	..
Mangd Port Inc	76.06	80.06	-0.62	1.93
Do Acc	76.74	80.77	-0.63	1.93
Monthly Inc	121.9	129.4	-0.94	1.32
Recov	201.9	219.9e	-0.8	1.32
Do Acc	233.4	254.2e	-0.9	1.32
Smlr Inc	37.28	39.66	+0.04	0.97
Do Acc	40.41	43.01	+0.04	0.97
Gilt Gth Inc	89.44	91.31	-0.15	5.10
Gilt Inc Inc	84.56	89.50	-0.16	5.10
Do Acc	87.48	92.93	-0.12	5.02
Do Acc	85.30	87.33	-0.14	5.02
FRIENDS PROVIDENT MANAGERS				
County Square, Ipswich, Wilts SN1 2EH Tel: Shareholders 0112 4111411 Applications 0112 4119222				
Equity Dist	283.7	301.9	..	3.63
Do Acc	545.4	580.2	..	3.63
Euro Gth Dist	98.27	99.09e	..	0.69
Do Acc	118.7	126.3	..	0.69
Fixed Int Dist	115.5	122.2	..	5.28
Do Acc	177.8	188.1	..	5.28
Int Gth Dist	69.74	68.74	..	0.74
Do Acc	69.74	68.74	..	0.74
N Am Dist	138.0	147.2e	..	1.19
Do Acc	148.1	157.9e	..	1.19
Pac Basin Dist	192.7	206.0e	..	0.44
Do Acc	205.1	219.1	..	0.44
Prop Dist	235.0	250.0	..	2.96
Do Acc	268.0	285.1	..	2.96
Stand Inc Dist	80.84	84.09e	..	4.56
Do Acc	89.69	92.89e	..	4.56
Mn Stand Dist	109.75	74.29e	..	0.35
Do Acc	73.55	78.34e	..	0.35
GT UNIT MANAGERS				
29th Floor, 6, Devonshire Sq, London EC2M 4YY Tel: 071-283 3575 Dealing 071-626 8431				
Am Sp Sits	83.33	88.15	+0.05	0.00
UK Cap Inc	134.4	143.5e	-0.5	4.35
Do Acc	139.3	148.8e	-0.5	4.35
Do Spec Sits	51.38	54.97	-0.10	2.91
Inc Fund	97.2	104.0	-0.2	7.57
Int	184.6	197.6	-0.7	1.97
US/Gener	95.30	101.9	-0.03	0.88
Jap & Gener	358.8	381.2	-7.2	0.00
Far East/Gen	192.6	206.2	-2.2	0.35
Euro	318.9	340.0	+0.1	1.14
Germany	85.46	90.70	-0.39	0.46
Int Inc	93.77	99.37	-0.11	5.64
W'wid Spec Sit	92.94	99.40e	+0.01	0.13
Global Prp Inc	47.80	50.91	-0.02	2.90
Do Acc	49.17	52.59	-0.02	2.90
Smlr Cos Div	38.19	40.85e	-0.51	5.64
GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS				
Gartmore House, 16-18 Finsbury Pavement, London EC2A 1PX Tel: 071-638 5600 Dealing: 0277 264261 Services: 0800 289336				
UK Growth Trusts				
British Gth	35.37	37.83e	-0.10	1.35
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With this pre-marriage contract, I thee wed

The Law Society says couples intending to marry should allow for the possibility of divorce. Stephen Cretney discusses the proposal for an enforceable marriage deal

Marriage, in English law, is a package deal, and the state is a monopoly supplier. A man and a woman may dislike the terms the state offers. They may, in particular, dislike the fact that the divorce court will have almost unfettered powers over their property, but they are not allowed to shop around for a more acceptable deal.

This is because, as lawyers pompously put it, marriage creates a status, and the rights of husband and wife can be neither modified nor changed by agreement of the parties. In short, marriage is not for privatisation.

All this, however, may be changing. The Law Society's family law committee thinks marriage contracts — agreements made between the parties before marriage — should be made enforceable.

This may shock traditionalists. The idea of marriage contracts seems un-British. The *contratto nuziale* produced by a comically begowned notary surely belongs to the world of *opera buffa*, although it seems that in California men and women pay lawyers to draft agreements about money, and even about responsibility for housework and personal relationships.

The committee put forward a strong case for change. Couples should think about the possibility of divorce before they marry, in much the same way as they should think about what is to happen when one of them dies. Making a properly drafted agreement would allow couples to decide how their property should be split. There would be fewer long and expensive court hearings, and no risk of a court imposing an order completely contrary to the parties' wishes.

The proposal is not quite as radical as it seems. Any agreement purporting to restrict the right to apply to the court for financial provision is void, so that, for example, Toby Jessel, the Tory MP, found that his wife's undertaking not to apply to the court for an increase in the agreed provision was ineffective.

The law is equally firm on the question of children. "Parental responsibility" cannot be surrendered or transferred, and a child, or, in practice, the social security department, can enforce the parental liability to maintenance even if once-for-all capital provision, such as house ownership, has already been made as part of a global divorce settlement. In reality, many divorce settlements *are* made by agreement. Provisions preventing the parties from seeking a second bite at the cherry are effective, provided that they are included in a court order and that there has been openness about the assets and other relevant circumstances.

The object is to encourage couples to reach an agreement

So the parties make their deal, then ask the court to ratify it. The court is supposed to avoid the extremes of acting solely as a rubber stamp, or as what a High Court judge has picturesquely described as a "forensic ferret". A court finds it difficult, however, to make any significant enquiry if the parties appear to be in agreement. And why should it? After all, the whole object of the conciliation initiatives, which receive so much verbal support but so little money from government, is to encourage divorcing couples to reach their own agreement rather than have one imposed on them by the court.

The new Children Act will allow an illegitimate child's parents to make a so-called "parental responsibility agreement". This will give the father authority, which he would not otherwise have, to make decisions about the child. There are, it is true, safeguards. The agreement must be in a "prescribed form" and there are provisions for the agreement to be formally recorded. So there are conflicting policies.

On the one hand, for both ideological and pragmatic reasons, there is much to be said for allowing, and even encouraging, adults to make their own arrangements. If a man accepts he has no claim on property that his wife inherits from her family, why should the couple not make their agreement effective? Moreover, private agreements may reduce pressures on the over-stretched courts.

Decisions could be made without the nanny state supervising

On the other hand, some people still worry that individuals may be exploited and sign away their rights, or perhaps use agreements to pass their obligations on to the state. So the Law Society proposes safeguards. It believes both parties should have independent legal advice and perhaps a financial plan ning package, and also thinks the court should be able to set aside a contract if there is evidence of force or fraud or significant lack of disclosure.

The Law Society says that a couple should not be allowed to exclude by contract their obligations to the state; for example, to maintain their children. It proposes safeguards to prevent a contract from becoming unrealistic or unfair because of a change of circumstances, such as the birth of children, permanent disability or long-term unemployment.

Would the proposals reduce the uncertainty about the financial consequences of divorce? There is much to be said against the flexibility that the courts have. There is obviously scope for the use of published formulae.

Some people, however, think the financial circumstances arising on divorce are so variable that it is dangerous to give too much weight to a couple's own views recorded in quite different circumstances before the marriage broke down.

Nevertheless, the argument that a couple should be allowed to make their own decisions, without supervision from the nanny state, are powerful, and deserve full consideration. Perhaps the government should ask the Law Commission to look at the Law Society's proposals.

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Young offenders in search of security

WHAT would you do with a 15-year-old boy charged with rape or attempted murder? As somebody whose daughter was punched twice in the face and robbed only a couple of weeks ago, the automatic reaction is that he should be locked up for such serious alleged offences until the case is proved or not. A magistrate, however, would consider that remanding a boy in custody is usually counterproductive, if not downright dangerous, because of the danger that he will commit suicide. The scandal of suicides among young men on remand, let alone boys, is now appalling.

Yet remanding in custody is what we had to do recently because secure accommodation could not be found by the local authority.

Even worse, on another occasion, accommodation was found, but the local authority said it could not afford to pay. Everybody involved in juvenile courts accepts that the practice of remanding boys aged 15 and 16 in custody is wrong, although legally permissible. Nevertheless, the system of remanding difficult children will continue for at least another four years. It was hoped that the Criminal Justice Act enacted last month would abolish such remands. Yet the act will continue to allow remands in custody until enough secure accommodation is available. Only then — and if the accommodation becomes available — will the power to remand in custody be abolished. Central government has apparently promised more money for the capital costs, reckoned to be about £1.6 million per eight-bed unit, while local authorities will be expected to pay the running costs of about £450,000 a year. Indeed, under the act, local authorities will have a duty to provide such accommodation.



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Yet we know that even now they cannot do so effectively. Under the Children Act, they also have a duty to try to avoid the use of secure accommodation.

Such contradictions are supposed to be resolved by the courts remanding fewer boys in custody and by local authorities making greater use of measures such as remand fostering and bail-support schemes. Juveniles refused bail will no longer be remanded in care with the possible consequence of being returned home. This used to occur because local authorities had the power to do what they thought was best for the children, even if that meant placing them at home.

Most magistrates welcome this change because the widespread practice of returning juveniles home made it look as though executive action was overturning judicial decision. Instead, juveniles will be remanded to "local authority accommodation". You might be forgiven for thinking that this meant an actual children's home.

In fact, because there will not be enough places, either in open or secure units, the local authority will continue to have flexibility in making arrangements.

Under the Criminal Justice Act, however, courts will have the power to add requirements to remands similar to those available under the Bail Act. These requirements can range from curfews and reporting at police stations to stipulations that the juvenile shall not be placed with a named person; that is, sent home.

The diversionary schemes for alleged serious offenders, such as bail support and remand fostering, make a lot of sense and are both encouraged by the act, which is not yet in force. Yet in the few places where they are operating now, budget restraints are making a nonsense of them. In one London borough last year, staffing of the support scheme went from five people to one. It has now risen to three, but this is hardly satisfactory. The health department claims that it has made a 23 per cent increase in funding for social services departments. The directors of social services, however, claim that their departments are already exceeding permitted levels of spending and many have cash-limited budgets. It seems as though this group of children is at the centre of the traditional political battle between central government and local authorities. Yet if the government has the will to change a situation, it must also will the means to effect that change. What the government could do is set up a national funding initiative similar to the intermediate treatment schemes of the early 1980s for both bail support and remand fostering.

As for secure accommodation, the government could provide extra money to local authorities with built-in safeguards to prevent it being used for anything other than secure accommodation. What already happens for child-care training budgets could also be used for secure care.

Young offenders, it has been said, end up in prison because it is cheaper than secure accommodation. Bail-support schemes and remand fostering are much cheaper than either. They require the cooperation of parents but this would be following the spirit of the Children Act, which puts such great emphasis on parental responsibility. Such schemes must be funded effectively — and soon.

● *The author is a chairman of an Inner London juvenile court.*

Figuring out libel settlements

What do 'substantial' damages really mean?

JUST how substantial are "substantial" libel damages? A lot less, it would seem, than many ordinary members of the public might think. Less, too, than some newspaper reporters think.

In the recent High Court settlement of a libel claim by the film star Sylvester Stallone against *The Spectator*, Stallone was awarded "substantial" undisclosed damages. The next day, the *Daily Express* put a £100,000 tag on the damages. A day later, the newspaper had to print a correction stating that, far from being £100,000, the award was in fact about £5,000.

According to Peter Carter-Ruck, a leading libel lawyer, awards of £5,000 to £10,000 are par for the course in many such settlements. These are the sums that are often referred to publicly as "substantial" when the size of the award is not revealed. They may not sound "substantial" in the context of the rich and famous who are invariably the sort of people who receive them.

However, the description of these relatively small undisclosed amounts in statements in open court as "substantial" or alternatively as "appropriate" or "suitable" is part of a legitimate face-saving formula that helps to avoid the high cost and unpredictability of contested libel actions.

These descriptions represent what Mr Carter-Ruck describes as the "bargaining factor" in settled libel cases. He says: "The bargaining factor is that we will agree to take something in the region of £5,000 to £10,000, provided the other side agree to refer to it as 'substantial' in their statement in court. I would not regard anything less than £5,000 as 'substantial'." For agreed awards under £5,000, he says, the tags "appropriate" or "suitable" rather than "substantial" tend to be used.

On the other hand, if use of the word "substantial" is not a bargaining factor, Mr Carter-Ruck considers the award should be more than £10,000 to merit the description. He adds: "In statements in open court where there has not been a bargaining factor, most solicitors would not agree to refer to the award as 'substantial' unless the amount was at least five figures."

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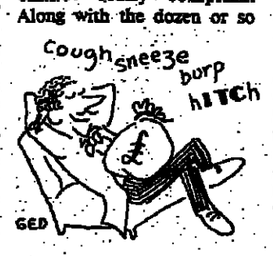
Lawyers' tin win

INNS AND OUTS

WHILE the BCCI scandal rumbles on, the repercussions from the collapse of the International Tin Council in 1985 with debts of £900 million continue. The ITC, born out of the desire to establish an intergovernmental price stabilisation scheme, went wrong when its members, including 23 sovereign states, declared themselves unable to meet its debts.

After fruitless years spent tackling the government for compensation and legal redress, Ralph Kestenbaum, who represented creditor companies in the negotiations with the ITC, is telling his story. His just published book, *The Tin Men*, is a chronicle of a complicated case from the inside, complete with, as the author says, most of the "coughs, sneezes and burps" that went on during the four and a half years of negotiation.

Publication date was delayed to ensure the book was vetted for libel, a possibility that had caused some twitching among the publishers, Metal Bulletin Books. It is a pity the lawyers who read the book were not also asked to proof-read it. Linklaters & Paines, which acted for the London Metal Exchange, enters the narrative as "Linklater and Payne". The firm cannot really complain. Along with the dozen or so other law firms and innumerable barristers involved in the drawn-out saga, it was among the only winners.



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Mystery men

JUDGE Wild says our caption of July 23 describing as High Court judges two men in ceremonial robes outside the law courts in 1934 was wrong. They appear, he says, to be leading counsel.

He writes: "I can think of only two occasions when they would have been seen in the Strand in this dress: either in the Easter term, going to their appointment as King's Counsel, or in October after the Lord Chancellor's breakfast when judges and counsel parade [as they then did] through the great hall of the law courts."

There is yet a mystery, he adds: only eight new silks were appointed, but he does not believe the two were among them. Neither is wearing medals, so presumably they did not serve in the Great War. Can any reader identify them?

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The Bar wants to bar its own

Barristers employed by the crown cannot prosecute in the higher courts. But do independent prosecutors do a better job?

The Bar Council has just published its case against crown prosecutors being allowed into the higher courts, saying it is "fundamentally opposed as a matter of principle to any extension of the rights of audience exercisable by state prosecutors".

The Bar Council does not believe that "it is in the interests of justice that cases should be presented in the crown court by lawyers employed by the organs of the state that have taken the decision to prosecute the individual and which have prepared the prosecution case for presentation in court".

The case made out by the Bar Council constantly refers to crown prosecutors as "state prosecutors", tending to imply that the whole concept of employed professional prosecutors is vaguely Stalinist and certainly un-British. The role of the "independent" barrister prosecutor, with experience both of prosecution and defence work, is held up as "an important constitutional safeguard".

Unfortunately, this claim ignores the fact that in Scotland employed prosecutors have existed for 300 years and regularly prosecute in jury trials. They do so without the Scottish people feeling that their constitutional rights and freedoms are diminished. On the contrary, Scottish people have far more confidence in their criminal legal system than English people have in theirs. Certainly Scotland, with its long tradition of employed professional prosecutors, has no equivalent of the Birmingham Six.

For the Bar Council to oppose wider rights of audience for solicitors on the grounds that they have insufficient professional training can be understood on the basis of traditional solicitor-barrister rivalry. However, more than a third of all crown prosecutors are barristers, qualified to appear in the crown court. It is the Bar Council's rules that prevent them from doing so. The Bar Council justifies this restriction on the grounds that employed professional prosecutors could not be fully trusted by the judiciary or the public.

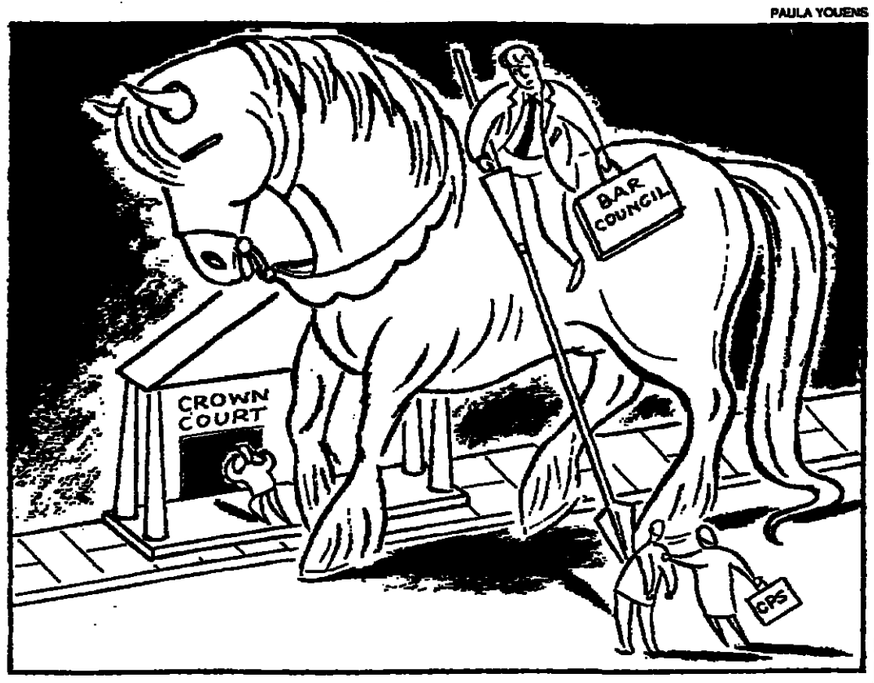
However, barrister crown prosecutors are subject to the same code of conduct as their colleagues in independent practice and if they transgress those rules they are subject to Bar Council disciplinary procedures, including disbarment. For the Bar Council not to trust the ethical standards of solicitors is unfortunate; but for them not to trust the ethical standards of their own barristers is bizarre.

The reality is that the Bar Council is denigrating the professional standards and sacrificing the career interests of a substantial number of barristers whom it neither represents nor cares about.

There are 12,000 barristers in England and Wales, half in independent practice and half in employment. About 600 are employed by the Crown Prosecution Service (CPS). Even though CPS barristers pay subscriptions to the Bar Council, they cannot join the Criminal Bar Association, or the circuits, so they have no way of obtaining effective representation on the Bar Council. There should be between six and ten crown prosecutors on the Bar Council but there is only one.

It is galling for CPS barristers to see their subscription money going to an organisation that acknowledges their existence only by casting doubts on their ethical and professional standards. The Bar Council's whole approach towards the issue of crown prosecutors appearing in the crown court is deeply flawed and does not stand up to analysis.

PAULA YOUENS



One of the more peculiar responses to the recent release of the Birmingham Six was the view expressed by Anthony Scrivener, QC, the Bar Council chairman, that the case showed the need for defendants continuing to be prosecuted by independent prosecutors from the practising Bar rather than state prosecutors of the CPS.

What is odd about this view is that the Birmingham Six, along with the Maguires and the Guildford Four, *were* all prosecuted by members of the independent Bar. Indeed, they were all prosecuted before the CPS was formed. Whatever other lessons these miscarriages of justice may have for our system of criminal justice, they certainly have no relevance to the question of whether crown prosecutors should be allowed rights of audience in the crown court.

Suggesting that briefing a barrister in independent practice as a prosecutor is a way of preventing false or inaccurate prosecution evidence being given in a criminal trial is ludicrous. False evidence does not magically become true merely by being wrapped up in the red tape of a barrister's brief.

In the Maguire case false police evidence was given in a prosecution conducted by members of the independent Bar, and in the Birmingham Six case inaccurate scientific evidence was put forward. The "independence" of the prosecuting barristers did not prevent this. The Bar Council may praise the barrister prosecutor's independence but it is at least arguable that this is a weakness in our system, not a strength.

In the United States, on the Continent and in Scotland professional prosecutors are regarded as an essential part of an efficient and just criminal justice system. Could the Bar Council's real fear be that the "professional prosecutors" of the CPS might perhaps do a better job than the "amateur prosecutors" of the Bar?

● *The author, a crown prosecutor, has to remain anonymous because of civil service rules*

Unblocking the job tribunals

INDUSTRIAL tribunals in England and Wales are facing a record workload. Thanks to the recession, the tribunals this year are expected to handle 50,000 applications over unfair dismissal, redundancy, wage disputes, and racial and sexual discrimination allegations. Yet apart from the odd case that reaches the Employment Appeals Tribunal, most of the work goes unnoticed.

This could could change in the the next 12 months. A government scrutiny team has produced proposals to bring the tribunals into the 21st century as efficient and modern industrial courts. As a result, their work may receive a higher public profile.

Two weeks ago Eric Forth, the employment minister, told the first meeting of all 60 full-time industrial tribunal chairmen in England and Wales that the government was going ahead with those proposals and pledged an immediate £2 million to get them under way.

The tribunals are an independent network arranged in 11 regions. Every region has up to three centres. In all there are 20, which will be linked by computer so that employers will be able to register their complaints at their local tribunal office rather than centrally, as now. The computer will take on the listing of cases, as now happens in other courts, making more efficient use of tribunal time. The result should be a quicker service for applicants, many of whom may be waiting for urgently needed money after the loss of a job.

At the same time forms and procedures throughout the country will be standardised. At present there are local variations that have evolved over 25 years. Staff will be centrally trained.

There will also be users' committees. All the tribunal centres will set up groups consisting of representatives of users, including trade unions, the TUC, the CBI, employers' groups and members of the legal profession.

New funding arrangements will come into force in the wake of complaints that the tribunals' funds, provided by the employment department, ran out part of the way through the year and part-time tribunal chairmen had to stand down. The tribunals will have more say over their own budget, of about £16 million a year, which will no longer be worked out on an estimate of the likely workload for the year but as they come in.



Judge Lawrence: "speeding up"

Judge Lawrence, the president of the industrial tribunals, is also keen that the 60 full-time and 100 part-time chairmen should be treated like their counterparts who sit as judges and stipendiary magistrates in the court system.

All this will help to rid the tribunals of their poor-relation image and improve the service. "By linking all the offices with computers, standardising all procedures and having a uniform listing system, it should be possible to speed up a hearing and ensure that fewer days are wasted when a case settles at the last minute," Judge Lawrence says.

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On an hourly basis, the cost is £63.30 for the senior lawyer and £45.60 for the junior lawyer.

This is the third time we have carried out this survey, and it is interesting to see that the ratio of in-house fees to outside fees remains much the same year after year. Outside fees tend to be about three and a half times higher (this year they average £208.30 for a commercial partner, and £141.00 for commercial assistant).

Underlying these private practice averages there are two distinct categories: London fees and provincial fees. At partnership level, London fees are typically in the region of £250 an hour, the highest being £300 an hour. Provincial fees are typically £160 an hour, the lowest being £77. Whether the outside solicitors are in London or the provinces, therefore, their fees – even at the lowest rates – are higher than the costs in-house. The difference is marginal when one compares in-house costs with the lowest fees in the provinces. On the other hand, the highest rates in London are about five times higher at both senior and junior levels.

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Solicitors can be liable to investors

Securities and Investment Board v Pantell and Others
Before Sir Nicolas Browne-Wilkinson, Vice-Chancellor
[Judgment July 29]

Solicitors who had been knowingly concerned in contraventions of certain sections of the Financial Services Act 1986, could be ordered by the court, under sections 6(2) and 61(1) of that Act, to repay sums lost by investors.

Sir Nicolas Browne-Wilkinson, Vice-Chancellor, so held in a reserved judgment in the Chancery Division, delivered in open court after a hearing in chambers, refusing to strike out claims made against the third, fourth and fifth defendants, all solicitors, in an action brought by the Securities and Investment Board (SIB) against two overseas companies, Pantell SA and Swiss Atlantic Holdings Ltd, and the solicitors.

Mr Jonathan Sumption, QC and Mr Leslie Kosmin for the solicitors; Mr David Oliver, QC and Mr Thomas Lowe for the SIB.

THE VICE-CHANCELLOR said that the SIB, acting under its powers under the 1986 Act, originally brought an action against Pantell as a person who, not being an authorised person, carried on investment business in the United Kingdom and caused investors loss.

The claim was later amended to join the solicitors as the third, fourth and fifth defendants. By the amended statement of claim it was alleged that the solicitors who acted for Pantell were knowingly concerned, within the meaning of sections 6(2) and 61(1), in Pantell's breaches of sections 3, 47, 56 and 57 of the 1986 Act. The SIB sought an order that the solicitors themselves pay such sum as would make good the investors' loss.

The solicitors claimed that on the true construction of sections 6(2) and 61(1) the SIB was not entitled to relief against them. His Lordship disagreed.

Sections 6 and 61 were designed to enable the SIB to bring proceedings for the collective enforcement of rights conferred on individual investors. But the jurisdiction was wider than that. It was therefore no answer to SIB's claim against the solicitors than an individual investor would have no right of action against the solicitors.

In his Lordship's judgment, sections 6(2) and 61(1) provided for a statutory rescission of unlawful transactions. The sections authorised the court to order steps to be taken "for restoring the parties to the position they were in before the transaction was entered into" (section 6(2)) or "to remedy [the contravention]" (section 61(1)).

If, as his Lordship thought clear, the court could order the contravener to repay the price out of his own pocket, the section appeared to provide that the same order could be made against the third party "knowingly concerned". The words of the section were general: the court could make the same order either against the contravener or against the third party "knowingly concerned".

His Lordship therefore reached the conclusion that under section 6(2) and 61(1) the court had jurisdiction to order the solicitors, if they had been knowingly concerned in a relevant contravention by Pantell, to repay to investors sums paid to Pantell and would declare accordingly.

Solicitors: Barlow Lyde & Gilbert; Booth & Blackwell.

Guidelines in reporting ward cases

In re W (a Minor)

Guidelines in imposing reporting restrictions where media interest surrounding children who were wards of court raised difficult issues were given by the Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Neill, Lord Justice Balcombe and Lord Justice Beldam) on July 24.

LORD JUSTICE NEILL said that the following guidelines could be extracted from recent cases:

The court would attach great importance to safeguarding the freedom of the press but would also take account of article 10 of the Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms (1953) (Cmd 8969) which was designed to safeguard the "freedom to hold opinions and to receive and impart information and ideas without interference by public authority . . .". Those freedoms were, however, subject to exceptions which included restrictions upon publication which were imposed for the protection of children.

In considering whether to impose a restriction upon publication to protect a ward of court, the court had to carry out a balancing exercise and the welfare of the child was in that situation not the paramount consideration: *per* Lord Justice Butler-Sloss in *Re M and N (Minors)* ([1990] Fam 211, 223).

But in carrying out that balancing exercise the court would weigh the need to protect the ward from harm against the right of the press, or other outside parties, to publish or to comment. An important factor would be the nature and extent of the public interest in the matter which it was sought to publish.

A distinction could be drawn between cases of mere curiosity and cases where the press were giving information or commenting about a subject of genuine public interest.

It was to be expected that in almost every case the public interest in favour of publication could be satisfied without any identification of the ward to persons other than those who already knew the facts.

Any restraint on publication which was imposed was intended to protect the ward and those who cared for the ward from the risk of harassment. The restraint had therefore to be in clear terms and had to be no wider than was necessary to achieve the purpose for which it was imposed.

It followed that, save perhaps in an exceptional case, the ward could not be protected from any distress which he might be caused by reading the publication himself.

'Constructive' distress not lawful

Evans v South Ribble Borough Council
Before Mr Justice Simon Brown
[Judgment July 12]

A lawful distress could not be made of goods within a dwelling house by a mere external inspection and the posting through the letter box of a notice of distress enclosed in a sealed envelope.

The Queen's Bench Division so held in allowing the appeal of Susan Evans brought by way of case stated from the dismissal by Leyland Justices of her complaint, under regulation 40 of the Community Charge (Administration and Enforcement) Regulations (SI 1989 No 712), concerning South Ribble Borough Council's attempt to levy distress against her under regulation 39.

Mr Nigel J. Ley for the appellant; Mr Charles Garside for the council.

MR JUSTICE SIMON BROWN said that the practice followed by the instant council was common to a large number of local authorities along with bailiffs when distraining for rent.

In the present case the bailiff had called at the appellant's home while she was at work. The bailiff, having spoken to her on the telephone, posted the sealed envelope enclosing a notice of distress with a draft walking possession agreement signed only by the bailiff. Also enclosed were notes giving information as to the various methods of payment.

It certainly seemed improbable to his Lordship that in any present-day context nothing short of impounding would constitute proper distress. And clearly such a contention was difficult to reconcile with the express provisions of the 1989 Regulations, referring as they did to both close and walking possession agreements.

The authority faced a number of difficult hurdles in establishing distress. First, the bailiffs had failed to gain entry. Second, consequently they could not seize the appellant's goods save only by referring in the document to the general contents of the premises. Third, their only act of "impounding" the goods was to claim in the posted documents that they had done so and to state that unless payment were made within five days, or longer if a walking possession agreement had been entered into, the goods would be sold.

Implicit in the posted document was the authority's assertion that the appellant was not entitled to dispose of the goods: they were in the custody of the law.

The following cases cited by the authority were distinguishable on their facts: *Cramer & Co Ltd v Mott* ((1870) LR 5 QB 357); *Werth v London and Westminster Loan Co* ((1889) 5 TLR 320); *Swann v Earl of Falmouth* ((1882) 8 B & C 456); *Lloyd & Scottish Finance Ltd v Modern Cars and Caravans (Kingston) Ltd* ([1966] 1 QB 764).

It appeared to be plain to his Lordship on those authorities that whereas, once entry was made, little in the way of seizure and impounding was required to preclude the debtor, even without a walking possession agreement, from disposing of his goods. There must in the first instance be an entry, save only in the exceptional situations arising in the *Cramer* and *Werth* cases where the goods sought to be distrained were on the point of removal and the distrainer directly confronted the removers. The authorities therefore pointed to the insufficiency of a mere posting of documents, as here, to constitute a distraint of goods. The legislation did not suggest a different conclusion.

On the contrary, the language of regulation 39 tended to support the conventional view that entry was required. And Schedule 5 of the 1989 Regulations in turn defined and provided for close and walking possession agreements which again pointed strongly towards a direct meeting between the debtor and the person levying distress. His Lordship did not point to any of those provisions as being decisive on the point. They were not.

If Parliament wished to provide for distraint of goods merely by posting documents in such a fashion then it would do so by further legislation. Any further legislation, to be truly effective, otherwise than as an unenforceable threat, would need also to provide for forcible entry since, as stated, the debtor could in any event always prevent sale by denying peaceable entry.

In the meantime the action thus far taken by the authority had achieved nothing in the way of securing the appellant's goods or precluded her from dealing with them as she wished.

The case was to be remitted to the justices with a direction to uphold the appellant's complaint and set aside the costs order against her.

Solicitors: J. S. Sierzant & Co; Chorley; Mr Alan Kitchen, Leyland.

Standard of proof

N v N

In matrimonial proceedings, the standard of proof required for a wife to establish that she had been raped by her husband was, as in a criminal prosecution, not less than proof beyond reasonable doubt.

The Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Russell and Lord Justice Butler-Sloss) so held on July 22 in dismissing an appeal by a husband from the order of Mr Recorder Miller made in Portsmouth County Court committing him to prison for six months for disobeying a non-molestation order.

LORD JUSTICE RUSSELL said that the husband had admitted breaking in to the former matrimonial home at 4am and having sexual intercourse with his wife who had been in bed asleep. She claimed not to have consented and to have made that plain by struggling.

The recorder properly directed himself as to the high standard of proof, the requirement for corroboration of the wife's allegation and whether there was evidence capable of corroborating the rape.

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The new US PGA champion is the golfing hero the Americans have been seeking

Daly stakes Ryder Cup claim

From MITCHELL PLATTS, GOLF CORRESPONDENT, INDIANAPOLIS

IF THE American golfing public had its way, John Daly, the new US PGA champion, would be drafted straight into the team for the Ryder Cup match with Europe next month.

Dave Stockton, the US captain, said on the eve of the championship that he was looking for a "hot" golfer and there is nobody hotter right now than Daly, the most exciting newcomer for very many years.

The 25-year-old from Dardanelle, a town in Arkansas with a population of 3,621, became a coast-to-coast celebrity by living a four-day dream that might have been fashioned in Hollywood.

Despite the heightening pressure, he attacked the course with a gusto that recalled the hitch-up-the-trousers-and-give-it-a-rip days of Arnold Palmer.

Daly's thrilling victory has posed a fascinating problem for Stockton, who has escaped to the sanctuary of Colorado to ponder on the final composition of his team. He will pick two players today to add to the ten who have automatically qualified. Until this year Daly would have been an automatic choice as the US PGA champion.

After his win, the home town boy with the wispy moustache and a twinkle in his eye showed a fierce patriotism that might sway Stockton from his first thought that Daly would have a part to play in future Ryder Cup matches, but not this one.

"No man can imagine how much desire I have to beat foreigners." Daly said. "I'm tired of them coming over here and winning our tournaments. I'd love nothing more than to have a crack at them at Kiawah Island, but I don't think the captain will pick me."

When I spoke with him, Stockton acknowledged that there were certain similarities between Crooked Stick and Kiawah Island, not least that both were built by Pete Dye. He is carrying out an eleventh-hour poll of the players, although it seems he is set on perming two from Chip Beck, Tom Kite and Tom Watson.

The pressure on Stockton is immense. From George Bush down, America wants the Ryder Cup back. David Feherty, who, like Steven Richardson, earned an invitation to the Masters next year by finishing in the top eight, warned: "We are going to have trouble in the Ryder Cup. We know it's getting closer because there really wasn't much applause for us out here. I told the crowd at the 14th: 'You know, it's not the Ryder Cup yet. You can applaud'."

Daly certainly was not short of support as he compiled his final round of 71 and with a total of 276, 12 under par, won by three strokes from Bruce Lietzke. Daly, the first rookie to win a major championship since Jerry Pate won the US Open in 1976, immediately donated $30,000 of his $230,000 first prize to charity.

The Daly story began with a telephone call last Wednesday when he was told he had risen from ninth alternate to first. He drove for seven-and-a-half hours from Memphis and arrived here to learn that Nick Price had withdrawn. He would play, although without a practice round.

Daly, who stands 5ft 11in and weighs 13st 3lbs, hits the ball so hard that Ray Floyd said that, after watching him, he went home with a bad back, adding: "I think we see a new star on the horizon."

Daly plays the game others dream about. He hits it longer than any other professional with a Cobra Ultramid driver with an extra-stiff titanium shaft and a bullet-proof head. He also has a silky putting touch and a charming personality.



The people's choice: Daly holds aloft the PGA trophy

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282: K Knox, 67, 71, 70, 74
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EQUESTRIANISM

Thomson realises a national desire

By JENNY MACARTHUR

MARY Thomson, who retained her national title when she won the MacConnal-Mason British Open championship on Gill Thomas's King William on Sunday, has achieved her ambition to ride for Britain. Thomson, aged 30, is one of six riders selected to compete at the European three-day event championships in Punchestown, Ireland, from September 6 to 9, when Britain will attempt a fourth successive win.

The other five are Ian Stark on Murphy Himself and Glenburnie and Karen Straker on Get Smart, members of the silver medal-winning team in Stockholm, Lorna Clarke with King's Jester, Katie Meacham on Montana Blue, who finished thirteenth at Badminton and Richard Walker with Jacana. Walker is returning to the team after a 22-year interval.

Rodney Powell is a notable absentee. He had hoped to be selected on Timber Hill after his thirteenth place at Badminton and seventh place at Gatcombe, but the gelding was found yesterday to have a slight heart problem following a virus he developed this spring.

Even without Powell and the reigning European champion, Virginia Leng, unable to defend her title after breaking an ankle, the British team will start as favourites at Punchestown.

BRITISH TEAM: L Clarke (King' Jester, J H and Mrs Huntridge); K Meacham (Montana Blue, McAlpine Homes and G Meacham); I Stark (Murphy Himself and Glenburnie, The Edinburgh Woollen Mill); K Straker (Get Smart, Team Range Rover and E F Straker); M Thomson (King, Williams, G P Thomas and M D King); R Walker (Jacana). Reserves: W Fox-Pitt (Stoedfast) and T Randle (Lags Eleven).

☐ Richard Walker is among the entries for the Everdon Horse Trials, sponsored by John D Wood and Co, which take place today.

The Northamptonshire event, one of the most popular because of its excellent course and going, has attracted many of the top names including Blyth Tait, the world champion.

The ghosts of Tiananmen haunt Chinese

Peking

YESTERDAY'S front page of the China Daily English edition, referring to the visit of the Japanese prime minister, Toshiki Kaifu, the first such visit for more than two years, three times referred to the normalisation of relations since "the setback of 1989". How much will the ghosts of Tiananmen Square haunt Peking's bid to host the Olympic Games of 2000?

When John Major visits this city soon, he may detect in passing, from the massive posters proclaiming "Asian Games achievements bring optimism for Olympic Games", the massive importance which China's political leaders attach to winning the bid for 2000: an international vote of confidence that can have profound influence on China's immediate political and financial development.

It would be nice to think that Mr Major might identify the same benefits potentially available to Manchester, and the need for fulsome government assistance; though the only direct response I have had from Chris Patten, whom I helped to try to convince when Mrs Thatcher sent him to Tokyo last year for the 1996 vote, has been a personal letter inviting a contribution to Conservative party funds. There's priorities for you!

Chen Xitong, the mayor of Peking with the status of deputy prime minister, Wu Shaozhu, the sports minister, He Zhenliang, the executive vice president and also vice president of the International Olympic Committee, and the executive director, Chang Baifa, will be all too aware that failure in the vote to be made in 1993 will be interpreted by an enthusiastic public as a political rather than a sporting setback.

For the security of their own future, the committee should ensure that the public knows the true dimension of this campaign among sporting cities for the IOC's nod. Berlin, Brasilia and Sydney, not to mention Manchester and Milan, make this the battle of the giants, to use He's own words.

"It is not possible to say it [the Tiananmen incident] will have no influence," He says, "but if analysts take the long term, historical view, they will recognise that the bid is demonstrative of the will of both the government and the people to open the door, to pursue economic and political reform." But for the complexity of Chinese politics, He, a man of refinement and integrity, would be a strong candidate to succeed Samaranch as IOC president.

Although there was public scepticism about the value of £260 million investment in facilities for last year's Asian Games — for an audience from which China already has solid endorsement and investment — there has been huge and spontaneous enthusiasm for the Olympic venture. A 40ft petition from one university carried 10,000 signatures of approval, free of duress some might suppose.

He Zhenliang believes that it is essential for Peking to show its face at every major international function. He thinks Manchester has to raise its profile, too.

Peking's technical strength will be hard to match. They have already proved themselves in the Asian Games, and with 34,000 hotel rooms of three-star quality or better, they are already vastly superior to Barcelona next year and on a par with Atlanta. Some of the dual-venture five-star hotels equal anything in Tokyo or New York. Timothy Fok, from Hong Kong, a huge investor, is an executive member of the Chinese Olympic committee and adviser to the bid.

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Versatile Windbound Lass can regain winning form

WINDBOUND Lass, who is equally effective over hurdles as on the Flat, is napped to regain winning form in the BBC Radio Bristol Handicap at Bath today.

After a winter campaign over hurdles, the Richard Holder-trained mare made a winning return to the Flat at Warwick in April, when she comfortably beat Beau Quest by five lengths.

However, she failed to follow up this performance a fortnight later on the same course when disappointing in sixth place behind Non Constat. Today, however, Holder looks to have found the right race for her to regain winning form.

Flown, the top weight, represents the biggest danger. The Richard Hannon-trained gelding put up a splendid performance when beating General Sikorski over 12 furlongs at Goodood ten days ago. But I feel the handicapper has now got his measure and also he is unproven over 13 furlongs.

MANDARIN

Hannon, however, can continue his marvellous season by taking the Angust Selling Stakes with Texan Clamour. The colt takes a considerable drop in class after failing by a short head to catch Navaresque in a competitive handicap at Brighton.

Peter Walwyn, the trainer of Be Hopeful, will be trying desperately hard to win the race named in honour of his gelding, the Be Hopeful Memorial Handicap, with Sure Victory, but I feel Diaco will prove the stronger.

Diaco recently returned to winning form at Lingfield where he beat Glassblower, a winner since at Brighton last Thursday, by a neck.

At Yarmouth, Sacque can again show that she is capable of carrying big weights in the J Medler Ltd Handicap. The David Morley-trained filly put up an impressive display, under top weight, when beating Sweetings Pearl by half-a-length at Ripon last Monday.

Merton Mill can complete a double for Morley on the Norfolk course in the East Coast Handicap. The Dominion filly, who beat Glenstal Priory a neck at Nottingham on Tuesday, appears to be ahead of the handicapper and can gain her fourth consecutive victory.



Holder: high hopes for Windbound Lass

At Catterick Bridge, Most Surprising is handicapped to beat Super Rocky in the Northern Aggregate Nursery. At Thirsk, where these two made their debut, Super Rocky finished two-and-a-half lengths in front of the selection at level weights when they were second and third respectively behind Branston Abby.

Today, the selection receives 23lb from the Jack Berry-trained Super Rocky. Berry has booked the services of the 7lb claiming rider Simon Giles, but I still feel the weight will be too much.

Smallwood Willet can give the first-season trainer Richard Buckler his second winner, from as many runners, in the Sovereign Land Handicap Chase at Fontwell Park.

Cixi adds to Pipe's fine start

MARTIN Pipe and Peter Scudamore continued their cracking start to the jumping season when Cixi landed the odds in the Nimrod Novices' Selling Hurdle at Worcester yesterday.

The 11-10 on favourite had luck on his side, as Midnight Jestor, who was upsides jumping the last, swerved violently on landing and attempted to duck out through the paddock gate.

Cixi, who had run keenly throughout, was then challenged by the blinkered Homile, but, under pressure, held on by half-a-length to provide Pipe with his ninth winner from only 15 runners so far.

The absence of Pipe's Uttoxeter winner Tapageur left the Pomp And Circumstance Novices' Chase looking wide open, and there were still four with a chance turning into the home straight.

However, it was Bel Course who came through to lead at the last and he forged away on the flat to win by eight lengths from the 66-1 shot Sharinski.

John Webber's nine-year-old was confidently ridden by the claimer Warren Marston.

Swinburn steps in for plum ride on Quest For Fame

By RICHARD EVANS

WALTER Swinburn, off the racecourse for almost a month due to injury, has picked up a dream ride on Quest For Fame in the Geoffrey Freer Stakes at Newbury on Saturday.

The jockey broke his left collar-bone at Yarmouth on July 17 and is due to return to the saddle at Beverley on Thursday.

Pat Eddery normally rides Quest For Fame but is ruled out by suspension and, with Steve Cauthen on duty at Deauville, Roger Charlton nipped in smartly to secure Swinburn's services for the 1990 Derby winner in the group two race.

Charlton captured the Rays Graduation Stakes at Windsor yesterday with Sanglamore's pacemaker Green's Ferneley who was completing a double for Willie Carson, another top jockey to benefit from an unexpected ride — although it was a rather painful experience.

The Scottish-born rider had earlier stepped in for the mount on Gemini Bay after Steve Dawson withdrew due to a family bereavement. Carson rapped his leg on leaving the stalls in the Robert And Norah Wilmot Nursery, which resulted in Gemini Bay losing several lengths. However, he quickly made up the lost ground and ran out a comfortable six-length winner.

Fair Crack had been pencilled in by Richard Hannon to run in the Heinz 57 Phoenix Stakes at Leopardstown on Sunday until cutting a small lump on his near hind heel on the gallops.

The old injury opened up again during the Newholme Stakes but did not prevent Bruce Raymond and Fair Crack winning by one-and-a-half lengths from Rokeby. On the evidence of yesterday's victory, Fair Crack would have stood a fine chance in the group one Irish race.

Hannon, whose string continue in formidable form, said all was well with First Victory, favourite for the Tote Ebor Handicap, although he hoped the ground would not become too firm. The East Everleigh trainer was also bullish about the prospects of River Falls in the Gimcrack Stakes.

Tim Sprake, who rode the 4"th winner of his career in the Stratfield Selling Stakes, will have mixed feelings about his birthday today. The accomplished young rider now loses his 5lb claim due to reaching the age of 24.

The age limit does seem a rather bizarre cut-off point for useful jockeys like Sprake to lose their claims and, hopefully, the Jockey Club will do away with it.

BATH

MANDARIN	THUNDERER	MICHAEL SEELY
2.00 Texan Clamour.	2.00 Misty Goddess.	3.30 Flown.
2.30 Prompting.	2.30 Kay Beeyou.	
3.00 Diaco.	3.00 Gilderdale.	
3.30 WINDBOUND LASS (nap).	3.30 Flown.	
4.00 Super Delight.	4.00 Princess Moodyshoe.	
4.30 Red Sombrero.	4.30 Wild Honour.	

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 2.00 TEXAN CLAMOUR.

GOING: FIRM DRAW: 5F 161YD-1M 5YD, LOW NUMBERS BEST SIS

2.00 AUGUST SELLING STAKES (£2,890: 1m 5yd) (18 runners)

1	(9)	0152-05	MELODIC HABIT 8J (F) (L Hawkings) Mrs A Knight 4-8-10	A Mackay	96
2	(8)	000004	OLD COMRADES 38 (J Boswell) L Cottrell 4-8-10	C Rutter	—
3	(13)	553000	THE MINDER 21 (D Wilson) D Wilson 4-8-10	B Rouse	80
4	(2)	040-005	TRUE OPTIMIST 10 (E Simmons) Lord Huntingdon 4-8-10	W Newnes	88
5	(11)	301063	SAVANGA 28 (B,F) (D Mort) M McCormack 3-8-8	J Reid	98
6	(10)	1030-00	STATION EXPRESS 36 (F) (M Rowles) R Hollinshead 3-8-6	S Perks	90
7	(14)	106-362	TEXAN CLAMOUR 40 (D) (Mrs D Strause) R Hannon 3-8-6	R Perham (5)	● 99
8	(7)	3-00030	LADY BUNTING 22 (Mrs P James) L Cottrell 4-8-5	N Carlisle	96
9	(5)	05-5000	PAY TO DREAM 6 (M Jaye) J Sutcliffe 3-8-5	G Baxter	89
10	(3)	2-40000	PINE GLEN PEPPER 59 (V) (E Cozens) S Dow 3-8-5	T Quinn	86
11	(16)	23-4240	QUINTESSENTIAL 19 (S) (T Warfield) C Popham 3-8-5	R Street	91
12	(18)	30	SET UP 207 (N Pay) D Burchell 3-8-5	J Williams	—
13	(1)	02-0066	TWILIGHT FLAME 10 (Mrs J Ringland) M Channon 3-8-5	Pat Eddery	74
14	(15)	5012-00	MISTY GODDESS 8 (F) (J Good) M Jarvis 3-8-3	A Munro	93
15	(12)	00-0055	CASENNE 46 (Restoration (South West) Ltd) R Holder 3-8-0	N Adams	79
16	(17)	533-085	IN THE MOOD 28 (P Nelson) M Fetherston-Godley 3-8-0	D Holland	86
17	(6)	0-	KUWAIT SUNSET 402 (Mrs A Curran) M Bolton 3-8-0	T Williams	—
18	(4)	050-000	NASEBY 59 (North Cheshire Trading and Storage Ltd) D Haydn Jones 3-8-0	R Fox	82

BETTING: 3-1 Texan Clamour, 8-1 Savanga, 15-2 Melodic Habit, 8-1 Quintessential, 10-1 Misty Goddess, 12-1 In The Mood, True Optimist, 14-1 Station Express, 16-1 Pine Glen Pepper, Old Comrades, 20-1 others.

1990: WEEK ST MARY 4-8-3 N Adams (8-1) R Hodges 11 ran

FORM FOCUS

MELODIC HABIT 13l 5th to Himiko in non-seller at Chepstow (7f 16yd, good to soft). OLD COMRADES 8l 4th to Straits Legacy in handicap here (1m 5yd). TRUE OPTIMIST 3½l 5th to Homile at Windsor (1m 67yd, good) with TWILIGHT FLAME 3l 8th. SAVANGA 3½l 3rd to Brown Fairy in claimer at Beverley (7f 100yd, firm). TEXAN CLAMOUR sh hd 2nd to Navaresque in handicap at Brighton (1m, good). CASENNE 7½l 5th to Salbyog over course and distance (good). IN THE MOOD 6l 5th to Scared Stiff in claimer at Leicester (1m 1f 218yd, good). Selection: TEXAN CLAMOUR

2.30 TOG HILL MEDIAN AUCTION FILLIES GRADUATION STAKES (2-Y-O: £2,930: 5f 161yd) (8 runners)

1	(2)	432	CANADIAN CAPERS 13 (P Taplin) M Channon 8-8	A Munro	● 99
2	(1)		FORGETFUL (L Ward) R Hannon 8-8	R Perham (5)	—
3	(5)	3	KAY BEEYOU 10 (D Mushens) T Thomson Jones 8-8	S Whitworth	86
4	(6)	20058	MISS SOUTER 22 (S Howe) J Roberts 8-8	J Williams	83
5	(3)	00	MONOROSE 20 (Monolithic Refractories Ltd) D Haydn Jones 8-8	—	75
6	(4)	0	PRIDE OF BRITAIN 18 (Pride of Britain Ltd) L Cottrell 8-8	C Rutter	86
7	(7)	02	PROMPTING 15 (The Queen) Lord Huntingdon 8-8	J Reid	93
8	(8)	00	SHARP AGAIN 80 (R Jacobson) D Laing 8-8	T Williams	—

BETTING: 11-4 Prompting, 7-2 Canadian Capers, 9-2 Kay Beeyou, 5-1 Forgetful, 7-1 Pride of Britain, 10-1 Miss Souter, 14-1 Monorose, 20-1 Sharp Again.

1990: KEMBLA 8-8 S Raymont (11-4) R Charlton 5 ran

FORM FOCUS

CANADIAN CAPERS 5l 2nd to Messafi in maiden at Goodwood (6f, good). FORGETFUL (foaled Feb 21) first foal, by 2,000 Guineas winner Don't Forget Me, out of 6l winning mare KAY BEEYOU 1½l 3rd to Aedean in maiden at Windsor (5f 217yd, good). MISS SOUTER 5¾l 8th to Louise Scarlett in seller at Windsor (6f, good). PRIDE OF BRITAIN 13l last of 8 to Sun And Shade in maiden at Ascot (6f, good). PROMPTING stayed on well when 11¼l 2nd to Ebraaz in maiden at Windsor (5f 10yd, good). Selection: KAY BEEYOU

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per cent	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per cent
B Hills	23	79	29.1	Pat Eddery	29	101	28.7
R Akehurst	7	36	19.4	M Hills	6	31	19.4
J Hills	3	19	15.8	A Munro	5	26	19.2
I Balding	18	127	15.0	D Holland	6	29	17.2
R Hannon	14	111	12.6	J Reid	18	106	17.0
R Hodges	10	81	12.3	S O'Gorman	6	43	14.0

3.00 BE HOPEFUL MEMORIAL HANDICAP (£4,696: 1m 5yd) (9 runners)

1	(2)	0/62115-	REMITHAT NASER 283 (D,F,S) (T Nerses) J Czerpak 4-10-0	J Murray	98
2	(4)	05-1160	GILDERDALE 39 (CD,F,G) (Abbott Racing) J Hills 9-9-12	M Hills	96
3	(3)	002111	MAGGIE SIDDONS 11 (C,F,G,S) (C Hill) C Hill 3-9-6	J Reid	● 96
4	(9)	0-85111	SURE VICTORY 22 (CD,F,G) (Salisbury Farms Ltd) P Walwyn 3-8-11	Pat Eddery	92
5	(1)	032308	JUVENARA 6 (D,F) (R Morecombe) R Hodges 5-8-7	T Sprake	92
6	(7)	02-5301	DIACO 15 (D,F,G) (J Good) M Jarvis 6-8-6	A Munro	92
7	(5)	0-00114	DIGS 18 (D,F,G) (S Nixon) C Smith 3-8-4	M Wigham	95
8	(8)	014585	SUPER MORNING 15 (F,S) (J Maxwell) G Balding 5-8-0	C Rutter	96
9	(6)	635360-	GRONDOLA 320J (D) (Park Industrial Supplies (Wales) Ltd) D Burchell 4-7-7	N Adams	83

Long handicap: Grondola 7-0.

BETTING: 7-2 Sure Victory, 4-1 Maggie Siddons, 11-2 Gilderdale, Juvenara, 7-1 Diaco, 10-1 Super Morning, 14-1 Digs, 20-1 Remithat Naser, 25-1 Grondola.

1990: CHASE THE DOOR 5-10-0 M Wigham (7-2 jt-fav) J Sutcliffe 9 ran

FORM FOCUS

GILDERDALE well beaten 12th to You Know The Rules in valuable handicap at Sandown (1m 2f, good); earlier beat Knock Knock 3l in amateur race at Warwick (1m, good to firm). MAGGIE SIDDONS beat Hacienda ½l at Newmarket (6f, good). SURE VICTORY best subsequent winner Deswaki a neck over course and distance (good to firm). JUVENARA 2l 3rd to Nildes Angel in claimer at Brighton (7f 214yd, good to firm). DIACO beat Glassblower a neck at Lingfield (7f 140yd, good to firm). DIGS beat Zada ½l in claimer at Leicester (1m 8yd, good to firm) penultimate start. SUPER MORNING 2l 5th to Lucky Noire at Windsor (1m 67yd, good to firm). Selection: GILDERDALE

3.30 BBC RADIO BRISTOL HANDICAP (£3,377: 1m 5f 22yd) (12 runners)

1	(3)	0-00011	FLOWN 10 (B,F,G) (E Winfield) R Hannon 4-10-0	J Reid	97
2	(10)	06-2311	CALGARY REDEYE 27 (B,F,G) (A Hollingworth) P Makin 4-9-11	A Munro	89
3	(6)	1350-05	SAILOR BOY 22 (CD,F) (Mrs A Valentine) R Akehurst 5-9-2	Pat Eddery	96
4	(1)	502222	BEE BEAT 10 (Austin Stroud & Co Ltd) E Wheeler 3-8-13	W Newnes	90
5	(7)	0103-16	WINDBOUND LASS 98J (C,F,G) (R Savery) R Holder 8-8-12	J Williams	89
6	(8)	235	SIR DANCELOT 62 (M Watson) R Simpson 3-8-7	A Tucker (5)	89
7	(11)	0-11412	MRS BARTON 12 (BF,F,G) (Mrs B Hills) B Hills 3-8-4	D Holland	96
8	(2)	013P42	WICK POUND 17 (B,F) (K Britten) J Old 5-7-12	R Fox	● 99
9	(9)	430-300	SUNSET ROSE 8 (F,G) (P Mellon) I Balding 4-7-8	S O'Gorman (5)	98
10	(12)	00-3642	RAIN GOD 22 (A Sotronicu) Miss A Whitfield 3-7-7	N Adams	96
11	(5)	0000/50/	SPORTING IDOL 108J (S) (J Warren) C Popham 6-7-7	R Street	—
12	(4)	004002	WOODLANDS CROWN 14 (Miss J Heritage) D C Tucker 8-7-7	S Hawkes (7)	86

Long handicap: Rain God 7-6, Sporting Idol 6-9, Woodlands Crown 8-5.

BETTING: 5-1 Flown, 11-2 Sir Dancelot, 13-2 Wick Pound, 8-1 Bee Beat, Mrs Barton, Calgary Redeye, 10-1 Sailor Boy, 12-1 Sunset Rose, 14-1 Windbound Lass, 16-1 Bee Beat, 25-1 Woodlands Crown, Sporting Idol.

1990: SAILOR BOY 4-10-0 Pat Eddery (2-1) R Akehurst 4 ran

FORM FOCUS

FLOWN beat General Sikorski 2½l at Goodwood (1m 4f, good to firm). CALGARY REDEYE beat Aberloyle 1¼l at Yarmouth (1m 6f 17yd, firm) claimer. BEE BEAT ½l 2nd to Dukes Of Monmouth at Windsor (1m 3f 135yd, good); earlier ½l 2nd to Mahrajan over same course and distance (good to firm) with SUNSET ROSE (13lb better off) 5l 3rd. WINDBOUND LASS best Beau Quest 5l at Warwick (1m 6f 180yd, good) on penultimate start. MRS BARTON 7l 2nd to Kilsam at Yarmouth (1m 6f 17yd, good to firm). WICK POUND 4l 2nd to Ringa at Warwick (1m 6f 194yd, good to firm). RAIN GOD 2½l 2nd to Marion Mill at Nottingham (1m 6f 15yd, good to firm). Selection: WICK POUND

4.00 PENNSYLVANIA MAIDEN CLAIMING STAKES (3-Y-O: £2,709: 1m 3f 144yd) (7 runners)

1	(4)	604000	ABINGDON FLYER 6 (J Nichols) R Hannon 8-4	A McGlone	96
2	(1)	3000000	KIND STYLE 17 (P White) R Hollinshead 8-2	N Carlisle	84
3	(3)	0-00000	YOUNG JAMES 48 (Mrs M Howe) J Baker 8-2	R Fox	79
4	(7)	004062-	PRINCESS MOODYSHOE 312 (Mrs A Ferrant) M Pipe 7-13	D Holland	93
5	(5)	0-63642	JULIETSKI 11 (BF) (C Wacker) Mrs L Piggott 7-11	A Munro	● 88
6	(2)	0-55	KAHHAL 73 (G Hackling) Mrs A Knight 7-11	A Mackay	95
7	(6)	050	SUPER DELIGHT 50 (J Maxwell) G Balding 7-11	C Rutter	78

BETTING: 9-4 Julietski, 11-4 Princess Moodyshoe, 6-1 Kahhal, 7-1 Young James, 9-1 Kind Style, 10-1 Super Delight, 12-1 Abingdon Flyer.

1990: SANDFORD SPRINGS 7-8 S O'Gorman (8-4 fav) I Balding 4 ran

FORM FOCUS

ABINGDON FLYER 16l 11th to Modesto at Kempton (1m 2f, good to soft). KIND STYLE 6¾l 7th to Truss at Warwick (1m 2f 165yd, good to firm). YOUNG JAMES 20l 8th to Read Bad at Salisbury (1m, good to soft). PRINCESS MOODYSHOE 5l 2nd to Glenorthern at Goodwood (1m, good). JULIETSKI 5l 2nd to Smiles Ahead at Newmarket (1m 4f, good). SUPER DELIGHT tailed off 12th of 14 to Shahi at Nottingham (2m, good). Selection: PRINCESS MOODYSHOE (nap)

4.30 LADBROKE NURSERY HANDICAP (2-Y-O: £3,436: 5f 161yd) (4 runners)

1	(2)	511231	WALK IN THE PARK 6 (D,G,S) (M Lewis) R Simpson 10-0 (7ex)	A Tucker (5)	98
2	(3)	222113	WILD HONOUR 8 (BF,D,F,G) (Mrs C Hairn) W Muir 9-5	S Whitworth	● 99
3	(4)	350	FOOLISH DANCER 27 (D Bennett-Baggs) B Millman 8-4	N Carlisle	93
4	(1)	336424	RED SOMBRERO 28 (BF) (Mrs J Hopkins) L Cottrell 8-3	A Munro	96

BETTING: 13-8 Wild Honour, 9-4 Walk In The Park, 5-2 Red Sombrero, 7-1 Foolish Dancer.

1990: ABOM SWIFT 9-0 A Clark (16-1) I Campbell 8 ran

FORM FOCUS

WALK IN THE PARK beat the subsequently demoted WILD HONOUR (8lb better off) 2½l at Kempton (6f). WILD HONOUR earlier beat Mamma's Too 4½ had at Windsor (5f 10yd, good). Best of three efforts by FOOLISH DANCER was 5l 3rd to Central City at Kempton (5f, good). RED SOMBRERO 6l 4th to Swing Low at Chepstow (6f 16yd, good to soft). Selection: WILD HONOUR

YARMOUTH

MANDARIN	THUNDERER	MICHAEL SEELY
2.15 Twist And Turn.	2.15 Twist And Turn.	3.15 ALTAIA (nap).
2.45 Masella.	2.45 China Sky.	4.15 Lead The Dance.
3.15 Sacque.	3.15 MACS MAHARANEE (nap).	
3.45 Fancy Me.	3.45 Fancy Me.	
4.15 Lead The Dance.	4.15 Lead The Dance.	
4.45 Merton Mill.	4.45 Merton Mill.	

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 2.15 Twist And Turn. 3.15 Dance On Sixpence. 4.45 MERTON MILL (nap).

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM DRAW: 6F-1M, HIGH NUMBERS BEST SIS

2.15 CAISTER CASTLE MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: £2,070: 7f 2yd) (14 runners)

1	(5)	06	AASFF 15 (H Al-Maktoum) D Morley 9-0	W Carson	81
2	(12)	5	ALCOY 33 (P Kelleway) P Kelleway 9-0	A Bates (7)	—
3	(10)	0	BABY CAMEO 11 (L Gaucci) B Hanbury 9-0	W Ryan	77
4	(14)	2	LONESOME TRAIN 20 (M Oberstein) J Gosden 9-0	G Hind	86
5	(1)		MORSUN (J Sunley) D Morley 9-0	M Roberts	—
6	(3)		PAID UP FULL (P Milner) Mrs N Macauley 9-0	Dean McKeown	—
7	(6)	5	PRINCE SECRETO 11 (W Armitage) N Graham 9-0	L Dettori	91
8	(13)		RIVIERA VISTA (J Pearce) G Wragg 9-0	R Hills	—
9	(7)	3	TWIST AND TURN 35 (BF) (Sheikh Mohammed) H Cecil 9-0	S Cauthen	● 99
10	(11)	35	WALK TALL 6 (F Sing Chuen Lui) J Eustace 9-0	R Cochrane	82
11	(9)	3	BINDING CONTRACT 38 (R Sangster) P Chapple-Hyam 8-9	Paul Eddery	89
12	(2)		GIZLAAN (A Ali) B Hanbury 8-9	B Raymond	—
13	(9)	4	LADY OF SARDIMIA 19 (E Landi) J Payne 8-9	A Cruz	—
14	(4)		NAKED TRUTH (J Greetham) M Stoute 8-9	G Carter	—

BETTING: 10-11 Twist And Turn, 5-1 Binding Contract, 8-1 Lonesome Train, Naked Truth, 12-1 Prince Secreto, 16-1 Gizlaan, Rivera Vista, 20-1 Morsun, Walk Tall, Aasfi, 25-1 others.

1990: ANXIOUS TIMES 8-9 S Cauthen (2-1 fav) N Callaghan 7 ran

2.45 HOLIDAY PLAYGROUND SELLING HANDICAP (£2,637: 1m 3yd) (17 runners)

1	(13)	002502	PIMSBOY 10 (B,F) (Colfax Window Systems Ltd) P Blockley 4-10-0	S Keightley	96
2	(11)	00-5244	GOMARLOW 3 (V) (K Underwood) D Morley 4-10-0	B Raymond	● 99
3	(15)	002204	CURTAIN UP 19 (Lord Dalton) R Guest 4-9-4	N Day	96
4	(17)	209000	KING DUNCAN 15 (J Brown) Mrs N Macauley 4-9-3	L Dettori	90
5	(9)	0-40600	MASELLA 13 (C,G) (T Newsome) J Hills 4-9-1	R Hills	93
6	(14)	0-00003	KEVINSBELLE 10 (F) (K Moorcroft) J Pearce 3-9-1	W Carson	96
7	(5)	0-03105	GHYLLDALE 7 (F) (M Handy) R Bastiman 3-8-11	Dean McKeown	94
8	(8)	0006	SONIC MUSIC 21 (B) (Corrib Reinforcing) T McGovern 4-8-6	Paul Eddery	97
9	(6)	0250	ERGANA 41 (B Moon) W Holden 4-8-5	B Russell (7)	98
10	(2)	202342	CHINA SKY 1 (C Allen) C Allen 3-8-5	G Bardwell	98
11	(10)	000600	SAM SPADE 18 (P Simmonite) K Ivory 3-8-5	M Roberts	89
12	(12)	000-640	CHANDANNE 6 (Talon Construction Ltd) H Collingridge 4-8-4	J Quinn	94
13	(16)	0-00000	SPRING HIGH 19 (B,F) (Mrs P Brown) K Ivory 4-8-1	D Biggs (5)	95
14	(4)	5-00600	QUALITAIR REALITY 10 (N Jinks) M Barraclough 3-8-1	F Norton (5)	89
15	(7)	000	RING MY BELL 20 (F Yardley) F Yardley 4-8-0	G Carter	—
16	(3)	000/-00	ILEWIN 21 (W Heffernan) J Jenkins 4-8-0	Dale Gibson	—
17	(1)	000-000	KIRBY'S BEST 19 (G Blum) G Blum 4-7-7	B Doyle (5)	94

Long handicap: Kirby's Best 7-6.

BETTING: 5-1 Gomarlow, 11-2 China Sky, 6-1 Pimsboy, 8-1 Ghyllsdale, Kevinsbelle, 10-1 Curtain Up, Masella, 12-1 Chandanne, 14-1 Ergana, 16-1 King Duncan, Kirby's Best, 20-1 others.

1990: TOBACCO ROAD 3-8-11 R Cochrane (9-2) J Akehurst 10 ran

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per cent	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per cent
H Cecil	35	97	36.1	S Cauthen	29	118	24.6
R Bastiman	3	9	33.3	L Dettori	15	80	18.8
M Stoute	27	98	28.1	W Ryan	20	108	18.5
G Lewis	4	17	23.5	L Newton	5	28	17.9
J Gosden	8	36	22.2	R Cochrane	17	115	14.8
J Hills	5	24	20.8	M Roberts	28	194	14.4

3.15 J MEDLER LTD HANDICAP (£3,752: 6f 3yd) (10 runners)

1	(9)	203302	ALTAIA 8 (F) (P Deal) W Haggas 4-8-10	N Day	92
2	(8)	016031	SACQUE 8 (D,F,G) (Sir William McAlpine) D Morley 3-8-8 (5ex)	B Raymond	92
3	(7)	006220	MACS MAHARANEE 19 (CD,F,G) (Yorks Racing Club) P Felgate 4-9-5	C Hodgson (5)	96
4	(4)	2-12434	FENTON LAKE 31 (D,G) (J Lambton) G Pritchard-Gordon 3-8-5	W Hood	93
5	(3)	130320	HACIENDA 4 (D,F) (B Posey) R Stubbs 4-9-3	W Carson	93
6	(1)	015228	ANNABELLE ROYALE 12 (C,BF,F,G) (I Farini) Mrs N Macauley 5-9-2	L Dettori	95
7	(2)	25-0053	DANCE ON SIXPENCE 11 (G) (H Collingridge) H Collingridge 3-8-11	J Quinn	94
8	(5)	211013	ZEBOIM 12 (B,CD,F,G) (D Muir) W Muir 5-8-6	Kim McDonnell (7)	93
9	(6)	606402	CRONK'S COURAGE 4 (B,D,F,S) (Cronk Garages Ltd) G Lewis 5-8-4	Paul Eddery	● 99
10	(10)	600064	LOOTING 5 (D,F,G,S) (B Fry) M Usher 5-7-13	NON-RUNNER	—

BETTING: 4-1 Cronk's Courage, 9-2 Sacque, 11-2 Maca Maharanee, 6-1 Hacienda, 8-1 Altaia, Zeboim, 10-1 Annabelle Royale, Dance On Sixpence, 14-1 Fenton Lake, .

1990: CORRIN HILL 3-8-7 G Duffield (9-1) N Callaghan 10 ran

3.45 MARKET GATES CLAIMING STAKES (3-Y-O: £2,343: 1m 2f 21yd) (6 runners)

1	(4)	44-545	THUNDER BUG 15 (M Salem) B Hanbury 8-8	B Raymond	90
2	(2)	1042-00	PIMS GUNNER 68 (CJF) (Pims International Plc) W Haggas 8-7	C Hodgson (5)	● 99
3	(6)	0-00224	JESTERS FAREWELL 28 (BF) (Mrs P Harris) P Harris 8-6	Paul Eddery	80
4	(5)	503016	FANCY ME 6 (D,G) (H Steckmest) W Jarvis 8-4	W Carson	96
5	(3)	60-0556	SCOSSA 14 (A Gibson) J Toller 7-12	Dale Gibson	92
6	(1)	0	SHAR EMBLEM 69 (Mrs E Blyth) C Allen 7-10	G Bardwell	—

BETTING: 2-1 Fancy Me, 5-2 Pims Gunner, 3-1 Thunder Bug, 9-2 Jesters Farewell, 16-1 Scossa, 25-1 Shar Emblem.

1990: PAPPAGALLO 9-7 R Cochrane (9-4) W Jarvis 5 ran

4.15 EBF MANSHIP MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: £2,588: 6f 3yd) (5 runners)

1	(2)		BOLD SURPRISE (Mrs A Reid) R Armstrong 9-0	B Crossley	—
2	(5)		ELEPHANT POINT (Mrs J Wootton) M Tompkins 9-0	C Hodgson (5)	—
3	(1)	2	LEAD THE DANCE 33 (BF) (Sheikh Mohammed) H Cecil 9-0	S Cauthen	● 99
4	(4)		PHILIDOR (J Smith) J Eustace 9-0	R Cochrane	—
5	(3)		MILLFIT (H Salem) B Hanbury 8-9	B Raymond	—

BETTING: 1-4 Lead The Dance, 5-1 Millfit, 10-1 Philidor, 16-1 Bold Surprise, 20-1 Elephant Point.

1990: CRIMSON CONQUEST 8-9 S Cauthen (8-13 fav) H Cecil 6 ran

4.45 EAST COAST HANDICAP (£2,579: 1m 6f 17yd) (7 runners)

1	(1)	160033	BANKROLL 3 (F) (R Cyzer) C Cyzer 4-8-11	T McLaughlin (7)	98
2	(2)	3240/0	OLD EROS 134J (C,F,G) (T Child) M Ryan 7-8-8	D Biggs (5)	—
3	(5)	12536-3	TURMERIC 19 (CD,F,G,S) (Mrs M Morley) D Morley 8-8-6	E Bentley (7)	92
4	(6)	335111	MERTON MILL 7 (CD,F,G) (Lord Clinton) D Morley 4-9-5 (4ex)	B Raymond	● 99
5	(4)	30-0655	FLIGHT OF PLEASURE 10 (B,C,G) (H Mould) B Hanbury 3-7-13	L Newton (5)	90
6	(3)	0-60	NORFOLK LASS 14 (Mrs N McGreavy) M Jarvis 3-7-7	G Bardwell	87
7	(7)	00-6	PUNCH THE AIR 67 (R Burton) W Haggas 3-7-7	Antoinette Armes (7)	87

Long handicap: Norfolk Lass 7-2, Punch The Air 7-2.

BETTING: 4-5 Merton Mill, 4-1 Benfroli, 6-1 Turmeric, 10-1 Flight Of Pleasure, 16-1 Norfolk Lass, Punch The Air, 25-1 Old Eros.

1990: ROCK FACE 3-8-9 G Duffield (11-4 jt-fav) M Prescott 8 ran

☐ Tiger Flower, the Sheikh Mohammed-owned filly trained by Henry Cecil, has been supplemented at a cost of £10,500 for the group one Aral Pokal over 12 furlongs at Gelsenkirchen-Horst on Sunday. Tiger Flower beat only one home in the King George at Ascot last month, won by Generous. Previously, she was short-headed by Mukddaam in the Fred Archer Stakes at Newmarket.

CATTERICK BRIDGE

MANDARIN
6.00 Mr Elk. 6.30 Ice Magic. 7.00 Tanz. 7.30 Most Surprising. 8.00 Silver Concord. 8.30 Here Comes A Star.

THUNDERER

6.00 Glow Of The Glen. 6.30 Doctor's Remedy. 7.00 Tanz. 7.30 Lombard Ocean. 8.00 Princess Jestina. 8.30 Here Comes A Star.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM SIS
DRAW: 5F-7F, LOW NUMBERS BEST

6.00 DURHAM CHESHIRE HOME FUND SELLING STAKES (2-Y-O: £2,574. 7f) (15 runners)

1		50	FLETCHING 46 M O'Neill 8-11	J Fortune	6
2		05	MR ELK 11 Mrs G Reveley 8-11	J Lowe	9
3		00	REGAL PASSION 91 M H Easterby 8-11	M Birch	10
4		64	THE METROPOLE 33 J Johnson 8-11	K Fallon	2
5		00	BOB'S DAUGHTER 17 Ronald Thompson 8-6 A Proud		15
6		5232	GLOW OF THE GLEN 11 M H Easterby 8-6	K Darley	12
7		00	HAMMY'S LASS 47 P Haslam 8-6	Nicola Howarth (7)	3
8		4433	HONEY SNUGFIT 11 (B) J Berry 8-6	J Carroll	1
9		00	JESTER'S GE

Richards a proud champion

John Woodcock reflects on the career of Vivian Richards, unquestionably one of the world's great batsmen

It is rare to be able to write about a batsman, without any suggestion of hyperbole, that he is, or was, a *great* player. It is said of many, but true of very few. What about Graham Gooch, for example, or Gordon Greenidge or Javed Miandad or Jimmy Cook or Richie Richardson or Allan Border or Mohammad Azharuddin or Desmond Haynes or David Gower? A case can or one day will be made for all of them; but of Vivian Richards' greatness there is already "no probable, possible shadow of doubt".

He has just about everything that a batsman could wish for: the eye of a hawk, enormous strength, instinctive footwork, a daunting presence, a handsome countenance, and every stroke in the book, as well as a good many that are not. With the insatiability of a Bradman or a Hutton or a Boycott he could have made almost as many runs as he wanted: but he would then have been a different, less compelling, less spontaneous player.

It was in Antigua, in February 1974, that we first knew of the trouble that England were to have from Richards. Mike Denness's side were playing the Leeward Islands on a pitch that was hard underneath and soft on top, owing to rain. With Bob Willis on one side and Andy Roberts on the other bowling fast and very short, the cricket became, at times, truly menacing. Seeing Richards, batting as it were with a cutlass, I wrote in these columns of what excitements there were in store for the followers of Somerset, whom he was to join within a few weeks.

Later that year Richards played the first of his 121 Test matches, against India in Bangalore. In the second, soon afterwards, he made 192 not out, hitting six sixes off an attack which included Bedi and Prasanna. By 1976 he was making more Test runs in a calendar year (1,710 at an average of 90, with seven separate hundreds) than anyone before or since. Not yet 25, he had the world at his feet. If it is surprising, in 1991, that he has not achieved even more than he has (8,540 Test runs at an average of 50.23 with 24 hundreds) it is because of all the finest batsmen I have seen, from Don Bradman onwards, Richards, more than any, has steadfastly refused to compromise his character.

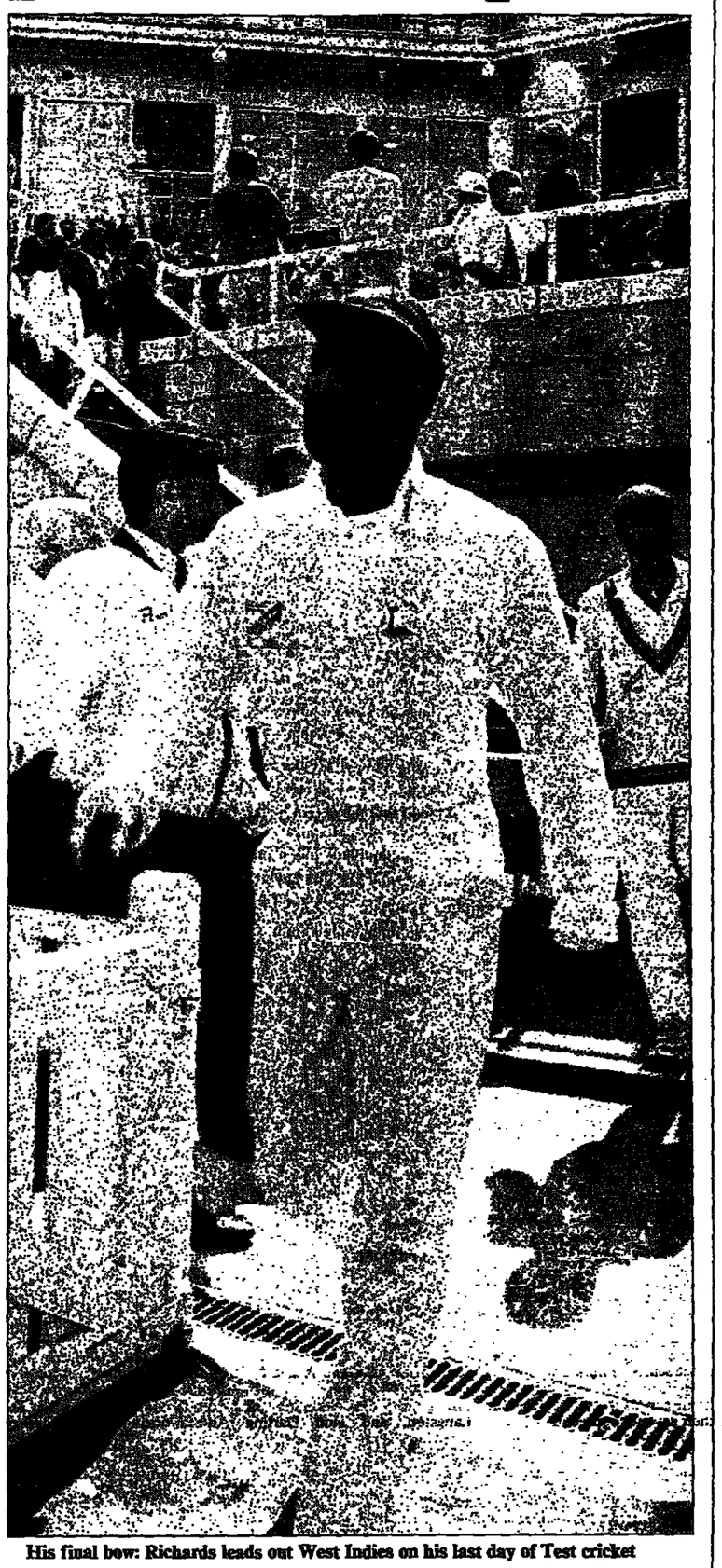
To say that he has a trace of arrogance is no exaggeration. He would not have been the same imperious player without it. It is not something he reserves for Lord's and the Oval. When he goes into bat at Calcutta or Melbourne or in his native Antigua, the swagger is no different. That is Viv, and it is how we like him to be. In their contrasting ways, George Headley and Frank Worrell and Everton Weekes and Clyde Walcott enjoyed the same precedence.

Richards is also intensely proud. He is proud of being West Indian, proud of his colour, proud of his lot and proud of his cricketing prowess. Being as proud as he is means that he can be touchy too. He has done things on the field which he never should have done. Communicative when he wants to be, he can also be formidably taciturn.

Tactically, like his predecessor, Clive Lloyd, he has seldom been greatly exercised, and on the rare occasions when his fast bowlers have met with serious opposition there has been no particular evidence of imagination. The last West Indian to be able to conjure something out of nothing, by his captaincy, was Worrell.

But of what other even great batsman has it been possible to say, as it is of Richards, that there was never a dull moment watching him? His namesake, Barry, comes to mind, and Denis Compton and Gary Sobers, but there have been precious few. And in defeat yesterday Richards was suitably gracious, which is no more than those who know him would have expected. He may be a hard man, but like all the best and most natural games players he is fundamentally a sporting one.

There have been times, certainly, when I have not cared for the indiscriminate way in which his fast bowlers have set about their business. It could be said that West Indies paid for their dependence upon their battering ram at the Oval yesterday, when, at the end, something more subtle was needed. But the *Richards Story* lost nothing by the result. He will be back next year, playing for Glamorgan, and still an inspiring, intimidating and inimitable cricketer.



His final bow: Richards leads out West Indies on his last day of Test cricket

THE TEST CAREER OF VIVIAN RICHARDS

Series by series

	M	I	NO	HS	R	Avg	100	50	Ct	B	R	W	Avg	BB
	Batting									Bowling and fielding				
1974-5 v India (a)	5	9	2	192*	353	50.42	1	1	5	42	10	0	–	–
1974-5 v Pakistan (a)	2	3	0	10	17	5.66	–	–	3	72	17	1	17.00	1-17
1975-6 v Australia (a)	6	11	0	101	428	38.72	1	2	6	65	44	0	–	–
1975-6 v India (h)	4	6	0	177	556	92.66	3	1	3	36	17	0	–	–
1976 v England (a)	4	7	0	291	829	118.42	3	2	2	186	56	1	56.00	1-11
1976-7 v Pakistan (h)	5	9	0	92	257	28.55	–	2	4	243	91	2	45.50	2-34
1977-8 v Australia (h)	2	2	0	39	62	31.00	–	–	3	–	–	–	–	–
1979-80 v Australia (a)	3	4	0	140	386	96.50	1	3	3	12	7	0	–	–
1980 v England (a)	5	6	0	145	379	63.16	1	2	6	216	85	0	–	–
1980-1 v Pakistan (a)	4	6	1	120*	354	72.80	1	3	9	158	61	4	15.25	2-20
1980-1 v England (a)	4	5	1	182*	340	85.00	2	–	3	600	206	5	41.20	2-24
1981-2 v Australia (a)	3	6	0	50	160	26.66	–	1	1	294	109	0	–	–
1982-3 v India (h)	5	6	0	109	282	47.00	1	2	8	216	87	1	90.00	1-14
1983-4 v India (a)	6	9	0	120	306	34.00	1	1	8	18	8	0	–	–
1983-4 v Australia (h)	5	5	0	178	270	54.00	1	1	3	318	102	3	34.00	2-65
1984 v England (a)	5	7	1	117	250	41.66	1	1	5	6	2	0	–	–
1984-5 v Australia (a)	5	9	1	208	342	42.75	1	1	3	96	32	1	32.00	1-7
1984-5 v N Zealand (h)	4	6	1	105	310	62.00	1	2	2	234	88	1	88.00	1-34
1985-6 v England (h)	5	8	1	110*	331	66.20	1	2	2	120	29	0	–	–
1986-7 v Pakistan (a)	3	5	0	70	175	35.00	–	1	1	30	9	1	9.00	1-9
1986-7 v N Zealand (a)	3	4	0	38	77	19.25	–	–	5	402	147	2	73.50	1-32
1987-8 v India (a)	4	6	1	109*	295	59.00	1	2	5	300	103	3	34.33	1-26
1987-8 v Pakistan (h)	2	4	0	123	278	69.50	1	1	6	162	44	3	14.66	2-17
1988 v England (a)	5	6	0	80	223	37.16	–	2	3	60	28	0	–	–
1988-9 v Australia (a)	5	9	1	146	446	55.75	1	4	3	702	299	3	99.66	1-12
1988-9 v India (h)	4	5	0	110	135	27.00	–	–	10	306	128	1	128.0	1-28
1989-90 v England (h)	3	5	0	70	141	28.20	–	1	4	168	47	0	–	–
1990-1 v Australia (h)	5	8	1	52*	174	24.85	–	2	2	138	101	0	–	–
1991 v England (a)	5	8	1	80	376	53.71	–	5	4	30	6	0	–	–
TOTAL	121	182	12	291	8540	50.23	24	45	122	5170	1964	32	61.37	2-17
Against each country														
	M	I	NO	HS	R	Avg	100	50	Ct	B	R	W	Avg	BB
ENGLAND	36	50	4	291	2869	62.36	8	15	29	1386	459	6	76.50	2-24
AUSTRALIA	34	54	3	208	2266	44.43	5	14	24	1625	694	7	99.14	2-65
NEW ZEALAND	7	10	1	105	397	43.00	1	2	7	636	236	3	78.66	1-32
INDIA	28	41	3	192*	1927	50.71	8	7	39	918	353	5	70.60	1-14
PAKISTAN	16	27	1	123	1091	41.96	2	7	23	605	222	11	20.18	2-17

OTHER DETAILS

Isaac Vivian Alexander Richards made his Test match debut on Nov 22, 1974 in the first Test against India in Bangalore.

☐ He played in 121 Test matches, more than any West Indian. Only Sunil Gavaskar and Allan Border, who have appeared 125 times for their countries, have played more.

☐ Richards's 24 Test centuries make him the fourth highest, behind Gavaskar (34), Sir Don Bradman (29) and Sir Garfield Sobers (26). Greg Chappell also has 24. Richards has made 68 Test scores of more than 50. Only Gavaskar (79) and Border (75) have more.

☐ Richards is equal second, with Chappell, on the list of Test catchers with 122. Border leads with 130.

☐ Richards made the fastest Test century in April 1986 against England at St John's, Antigua on the fourth day of the fifth Test. His hundred came from 56 balls in 81 minutes.

Batting milestones

1,000 runs: 15th Test, 25th innings (second Test 1975-6 v India at Port of Spain).
2,000: 21st, 36th (fifth Test 1976 v England at The Oval).
3,000: 33rd, 54th (second Test 1980 v England at Lord's).
4,000: 46th, 71st (second Test 1981-2 v Australia at Sydney).
5,000: 64th, 95th (first Test 1984 v England at Edgbaston).
6,000: 81st, 120th (fourth Test 1985-6 v England at Port of Spain).
7,000: 94th, 140th (third Test 1987-8 v Pakistan at Bridgetown).
8,000: 112th, 167th (first Test 1990-1 v Australia at Kingston).

RUN SCORERS

The leading run scorers in Test cricket are:

	T	R	100s	Avg
S M Gavaskar	125	10122	34	51.12
A R Border	125	9257	23	50.29
I V A Richards	121	8540	24	50.23
G Boycott	108	8114	22	47.72
D I Gower	114	8061	18	44.15
Javed Miandad	109	8064	22	54.86
G S Sobers	93	8032	26	57.78

RECORD YEAR

Richards innings by innings in 1976

Opposition	Test	Venue	Scores
Australia	4th	Sydney	44, 2
Australia	5th	Adelaide	30, 101
Australia	6th	Melbourne	50, 98
India	1st	Bridgetown	142
India	2nd	Pt of Spain	130, 20
India	3rd	Pt of Spain	177, 23
India	4th	Kingston	64
England	1st	Trent Bridge	232, 63
England	3rd	Old Trafford	4, 135
England	4th	Headingley	66, 39
England	5th	The Oval	291
Total	11		1,710

Foster keeps Essex in championship chase

By Richard Streeton

TRENT BRIDGE (final day of three): Essex (22pts) beat Nottinghamshire (7) by three wickets

RECENT shortcomings were put from the mind by Essex yesterday when they batted with impressive conviction and gained a victory that puts them second in the Britannic Assurance championship table. Salim Malik, Hussain and Nicholas Knight, a newcomer, were mainly responsible for a stiff target of 291 in 71 overs being achieved with 22 balls to spare.

After four defeats in their last five matches, Essex remain in the hunt for the title, part of a closely-bunched leading group. When the championship resumes on Friday, a lot will depend for Essex on Foster remaining fit.

Foster, the Essex captain in Gooch's absence, stayed through the closing, decisive overs yesterday as Essex completed their task. Earlier, he finished with five for 56 in Nottinghamshire's second innings. It gave him match figures of nine for 114 and hoisted his season's aggregate to 64 wickets, remarkable figures for a man waging a continuous battle with troublesome knees.

Essex were fortunate that a pitch which was expected to deteriorate lasted far better than predicted. Nottinghamshire did not bowl at their best, but the Essex batting always exuded a purposefulness that lately has been absent.

Topley, who helped to rescue the Essex first innings from the depths of 112 for seven on Saturday, has been the only man to reach 50 in their last three innings. When Essex began their run chase, Evans claimed the first three wickets to fall relatively cheaply, though Prichard had always maintained the necessary run rate. In contrast to his colleagues, Evans regularly bowled a full length and obtained both bounce and movement.

Salim Malik, though, was in prime form from the moment he came in and was the more active partner with both Prichard and Hussain in crucial stands. The Pakistani timed the ball sweetly, both off his legs and through the covers, and had eight fours in his 74 before he played on against a yorker from Pick.

Hussain donned the senior partner's mantle when joined by Knight, who was playing only his second championship match. Knight's unruffable temperament was a feature again, as it had been in the first innings, as he helped Topley. Knight finally edged Stephenson behind as he tried to step up the pace in fading light.

Hussain played soundly but he, too, perished when he accelerated. He moved out to Afford, tried to "paddle" a ball and was stumped six yards down the pitch. Eighteen were now wanted from ten overs and, though Garnham holed out to deep square-leg, Foster saw to it that nothing went wrong at the eleventh hour. Nottinghamshire, resuming their second innings 193 runs on, with five wickets in hand, had Franklyn Stephenson to thank that they batted until lunch. Stephenson hit eight fours in what was his first 50 this season, but Essex made their closing task that much harder by dropping him twice at 21 and 55.

Foster had ripped through the top order on Saturday and quickly gained his fifth wicket when he had Randall caught behind. Stephenson and French, though, held Foster at bay and added 79 for the seventh wicket.

	P	W	L	D	Bt	Bl	Pts
Warwicks (6)	16	6	4	6	48	12	228
Essex (2)	16	6	4	6	46	15	191
Notts (14)	16	5	3	8	54	13	177
Surrey (3)	15	6	2	7	42	15	170
Derbyshire (12)	16	5	3	8	47	13	161
Lancashire (8)	16	5	5	6	43	15	159
Glouc (13)	17	5	6	7	50	10	150
Kent (16)	16	4	2	10	41	14	149
Sussex (17)	16	3	2	11	45	9	145
Hampshire (5)	17	3	5	9	53	8	134
Glamorgan (9)	17	3	4	10	52	14	126
Worcs (4)	15	3	2	10	38	14	117
Northants (11)	17	2	4	11	39	14	114
Middlesex (1)	16	1	7	8	35	6	97
Yorkshire (10)	16	2	4	10	30	20	96
Somerset (15)	16	1	2	13	48	21	88
Leics (7)	17	1	5	11	31	38	85

1990 positions in brackets

A feeble display by Lancashire

By Jack Bailey

BRISTOL (final day of three): Gloucestershire (24pts) beat Lancashire (1) by an innings and 98 runs

IT WAS not so much the fact of Lancashire's fifth defeat of the season and their second in a week, as the manner of it which calls for a post mortem at Old Trafford during the next few days. Far from looking like championship contenders, they were outplayed by Gloucestershire from start to finish.

Yesterday, they lost nine wickets in 47 overs while adding 130 runs, not only failing to put Gloucestershire in any danger of needing to bat again, but giving a passing imitation of a team in a hurry to shake the dust of Bristol off their feet. The contrast between their perky display in Sunday's 40-over match and their efforts in this three-day venture could not have been more marked.

The psychological effect of Neil Fairbrother, their vice-captain, choosing to play in the Sunday match and to field as substitute in this one can only be wondered at. As it was, not until Allott struck a few stout blows towards the end, was much done to upset the line and length of Martyn Ball, of Gloucestershire, aged 21, an off spinner whose four for 55 in the second innings gave him match figures of eight for 95.

Ball bowled well. For someone who had previously purveyed only four championship overs this season, he bowled uncommonly well. Like Gilbert and Babington, operating before him, he benefited from shrewd field placing by Wright and an alert, athletic display from Gloucestershire's fielders which contributed as much as anything to their fifth championship win and their first haul of maximum points.

But, as in their first innings, Lancashire batted without conviction. Mendis was an honourable exception, until for once, he failed to middle his favourite square cut and Lloyds, the squarer of two gulleys placed there for the purpose, took an excellent catch low down to his right.

With Lloyd already gone, three wickets were now down for 75 and Ball quickly took over the task of chiselling away at the middle order. By lunch, seven wickets were down for 116. Ball had taken three for 11 in seven overs and all that remained were some brief mopping up operations.

Day tails off with tailenders

By Ivo Tennant

NORTHAMPTON (final day of three): Northamptonshire (5pts) drew with Warwickshire (8)

ONCE they had failed to make Northamptonshire follow on, Warwickshire settled, all too soon, for a draw.

They were able to do so in the knowledge of having a clear lead at the top of the county championship table, yet it made for some excruciatingly dull cricket.

Northamptonshire, too, could have done more. Having averted following on through their last wicket pair of Roberts and Cook making the necessary 18 runs, they batted on to no great purpose.

Rather than declaring immediately and thus putting the onus on Warwickshire to set them a target, they continued their innings until Cook was out 40 minutes before lunch, caught in the covers off Benjamin.

True, these two did exceptionally well to see off Donald in the mornings. They did so with the aid of some cricket which did not become the leaders: a wide ball from Donald that resulted in four byes ensured that Warwickshire would have to bat again.

It was, in fact, the third time four byes had been conceded in this period and brought up the fiftieth run in extras. Otherwise, there were some decent shots, not least a straight-driven four, followed by another through extra cover by Roberts off Smith. He may bat well down the order, but for Northamptonshire's second XI, he goes in at No. 6 and is quite clearly competent enough to do so. The partnership realised 85 in 25 overs.

Unfortunately, it also killed the match. Warwickshire had a lead of 86 and reckoned they did not have sufficient time to build on it rapidly. So, with their NatWest semi-final tomorrow in mind, they settled for batting practice. Ostler made 65, mostly against conventional bowling, and Moles batted throughout the innings – 66 overs – for 57.

When the declaration came, Northamptonshire were left with a near-impossible task. Asked to make 246 in half an hour plus the statutory 20 overs, they batted out the day. Fortunately for both captains, the crowd was too sated by events at the Oval to be too bothered. Anyway, by the close there were all too few spectators remaining to protest.

☐ Somerset, seeking an overseas replacement for their South African batsman, Jimmy Cook, next season, are to give trials to two West Indian fast bowlers, Vaughan Walsh and Kenneth Benjamin, both from Antigua.

Wells commands the finish from the front

By Geoffrey Wheeler

LED from the front by their acting captain, Alan Wells, whose 253 not out was the highest innings by a Sussex batsman against Yorkshire, beating C. B. Fry's 234 at Bradford in 1903, Sussex gained a handsome victory by an innings and 24 runs at Middlesbrough yesterday.

Wells, whose stand of 178 with Donelan was a record for the eighth wicket against Yorkshire, had been in for 406 minutes when the innings closed at 436, having hit three sixes and 27 fours.

Faced with a deficit of 195, Yorkshire crumbled to 171 against the pace of Jones, who had match figures of nine for 87, and the off spin of Donelan and were left looking nervously towards the bottom of the championship table after Middlesex and Leicestershire had both gained their first successes.

There was high drama at Lord's where Derbyshire were beaten by two runs after chasing 286 in 66 overs. John Morris, the England batsman, who had been taken ill with a mild form of viral meningitis, came in at No. 11 for Derbyshire, with three balls remaining and three needed to win. Going for the winning boundary he holed out off Tufnell's deputy, Alex Barnett.

Kent, who had followed on, recovered to set Leicestershire 252 in 62 overs at Grace Road. Led by 70 in 74 balls from Whitaker, they got home by five wickets with nine balls to spare. With their young pace bowler, Kevin Shine, taking five for 58, Hampshire bowled out Glamorgan for 144 to win 172 runs at Swansea.

There was a tonic victory for the Sri Lankans who take on England at Lord's next week. They took advantage of a generous declaration by Jimmy Cook at Taunton to beat Somerset by eight wickets with over seven overs to spare after being left to score 249 against mainly second-team bowling. The touring captain, Avarinda de Silva applied the finishing touch with an unbeaten 57 from 38 balls.

Tetley Challenge

Somerset v Sri Lankans

TAUNTON *(final day of three): Sri Lankans beat Somerset by eight wickets*

SOMERSET: First innings 377 for 2 dec (S J Cook 209, R J Harden 100, G T J Townsend 53)

Second Innings

G White c Maharoof b Madurusinghe	42
N J Pringle c Maharoof b Wijegunawardena	20
M M Lathwell c sub b Wijegunawardena	16
†R J Turner not out	18
G D Rose not out	23
Extras (b 1, lb 5, nb 1)	7
Total (3 wkts dec)	126

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-39, 2-81, 3-86.

BOWLING: Ramanayake 7-0-24-0; Ahangama 5-0-28-0; Wijegunawardena 10-1-35-2; Madurusinghe 10-2-33-1; Jayasuriya 1-0-2-0.

SRI LANKANS: First Innings

†D S B P Kuruppu c Turner b Caddick	86
U C Hathurusinghe b Rose	19
H C P Ramanayake c Turner b White	39
M S Atapattu not out	33
*P A de Silva c Beal b Trump	21
R S Mahanama lbw b Caddick	0
S T Jayasuriya b Beal	33
M A W R Madurusinghe c Caddick b Rose	3
K I W Wijegunawardena c Cook b Trump	10
Extras (b 1, lb 10, nb 3)	14
Total (8 wkts dec)	255

H P Tillakaratne (retired as †) and F S Ahangama did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-56, 2-150, 3-150, 4-179, 5-179, 6-219, 7-240, 8-255.

BOWLING: Caddick 21-8-40-2; Beal 20-2-54-1; Trump 20.5-6-54-2; Rose 10-2-41-2; Lathwell 6-3-15-0; White 6-1-30-1

Second Innings

†D S B Kuruppu c Townsend b Lathwell	77
U C Hathurusinghe c Turner b Beal	67
*P A de Silva not out	64
S T Jayasuriya not out	32
Extras (b 5, lb 4, nb 2)	11
Total (2 wkts)	249

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-135, 2-166

BOWLING: Caddick 11.5-3-58-0; Beal 7-1-47-1; Rose 6-0-28-0; Trump 12-1-78-0; Lathwell 5-0-28-1.

Umpires: J H Hampshire and P B Wight.

FIXTURES

BAIN CLARKSON TROPHY: Semi-finals: Southampton: Hampshire v Surrey. Canterbury: Kent v Nottinghamshire.
MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP: Bedfordshire: Buckinghamshire v Shropshire. York: Cheshire v Wales. Helston: Cornwall v Oxfordshire.

YESTERDAY'S BRITANNIC ASSURANCE COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP SCOREBOARDS

Glamorgan v Hants

SWANSEA *(final day of three): Hampshire (19pts) beat Glamorgan (4) by 172 runs*

HAMPSHIRE: First Innings 216 for 9 dec (BOWLING: Watkin 24-11-57-3, Foster 12.3-5-39-2, Frost 15-2-56-3; Barwick 16-3-46-1)

Second Innings

*M C J Nicholas not out	50
C L Smith not out	49
Extras (nb 1)	1
Total (no wkt dec)	100

BOWLING: Dale 6-2-17-0; Croft 10-1-49-0; *Maynard 4.5-0-34-0*

GLAMORGAN: First Innings forfeited

Second Innings

*A R Butcher c Connor b Shine	1
S P James lbw b Tremlett	20
A Dale c Aymes b James	18
M P Maynard c Middleton b James	4
R J Shastri not out	44
R D B Croft c Turner b Shine	16
†C P Metson c Aymes b Connor	16
S L Watkin c Aymes b Shine	5
D J Foster c Cox b Shine	0
M Frost b Shine	6
S R Barwick c Aymes b James	3
Extras (b 4, lb 1, w 4, nb 8)	17
Total	144

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-2, 2-39, 3-55, 4-57, 5-84, 6-105, 7-118, 8-118, 9-128.

BOWLING: Shine 16-1-58-5; Connor 12-5-15-1, C L Smith 10-3-39-1; James 13-5-27-3.

Umpires: D J Constant and R C Tolchard.

Gloucs v Lancs

BRISTOL *(final day of three): Gloucestershire (24pts) beat Lancashire (1) by an innings and 98 runs*

LANCASHIRE: First Innings 151 (A M Babington 4 for 33, M C J Ball 4 for 40)

Second Innings

G D Mendis c Lloyds b Gilbert	44
G Fowler run out	4
G D Lloyd c Russell b Babington	8
N J Speak c Russell b Ball	16
M Watkinson c Alleyne b Ball	0
†W K Hegg c Hancock b Ball	16
S P Titchard c Hancock b Gerrard	20
Wasim Akram b Gilbert	13
G Yates not out	15
*P J W Allott c Gerrard b Babington	28
P J Martin c Alleyne b Ball	0
Extras (lb 3)	3
Total	165

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-14, 2-47, 3-75, 4-75, 5-80, 6-96, 7-116, 8-131, 9-165

BOWLING: Gilbert 22-6-44-2; Babington 13-2-40-2; Ball 23.1-6-55-4; Lloyds 2-0-2-0; Gerrard 7-0-21-1.

GLOUCESTERSHIRE: First Innings 414 for 8 dec (C W J Athey 127, M W Alleyne 90, A J Wright 85; P J Martin 4 for 97)

Umpires: B Hassan and D R Shepherd.

Leics v Kent

LEICESTER *(final day of three): Leicestershire (23pts) beat Kent (3) by five wickets*

LEICESTERSHIRE: First Innings 292 (T J Boon 63, L Potter 61; M J McCague 6 for 86)

Second Innings

T J Boon c and b Davis	47
*N E Briers st Marsh b Davis	68
J J Whitaker c Cowdrey b Davis	70
L Potter c Fleming b Davis	37
J D R Benson lbw b Patel	5
S F Smith not out	19
D J Millns not out	6
Extras (lb 1, w 1, nb 2)	4
Total (5 wkts)	254

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-111, 2-120, 3-212, 4-222, 5-240.

BOWLING: Mernick 7-0-32-0; McCague 10-4-0; Ellison 9-1-37-0; Patel 23.2-93-1; Davis 19.3-2-81-4; Ward 1-0-6-0.

KENT: First Innings 130 (J G Maguire 7 for 57)

Second Innings

T R Ward c Briers b Wilkinson	41
*N R Taylor c Millns b Potter	150
G R Cowdrey c Hepworth b Wilkinson	50
M V Fleming c Whitaker b Boon	59
*†S A Marsh not out	39
R M Ellison not out	7
Extras (lb 10, w 3, nb 5)	18
Total (4 wkts dec)	403

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-70, 2-257, 3-302, 4-378.

BOWLING: Millns 15-1-61-0; Maguire 19-2-85-0; Wilkinson 18-2-52-2; Potter 37-8-80-1; Benson 5.1-1-22-0; Hepworth 5-0-13-0; Smith 4-0-45-0; Boon 4-0-11-1; Whitaker 1-0-14-0.

Umpires: J D Bond and D O Oslear.

Middlesex v Derbys

LORD'S *(final day of three): Middlesex (22pts) beat Derbyshire (3) by two runs*

MIDDLESEX: First Innings 454 for 3 dec (M W Gatting 215, K R Brown 96, J C Pooley 88)

Second Innings

M A Roseberry b Goldsmith	15
J C Pooley c Morrison b Goldsmith	29
K R Brown c Azharuddin b Goldsmith	25
M Keech b Goldsmith	0
†P Farbrace st Krikken b Base	50
*M W Gatting retired hurt	2
N G Cowans not out	16
A A Barnett not out	1
Extras (b 2, lb 3, w 1, nb 2)	8
Total (5 wkts dec)	146

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-30, 2-75, 3-75, 4-76, 5-136.

BOWLING: Cork 6-2-25-0; Goldsmith 16.2-0-62-3; Morrison 7-2-12-1; Base 5-2-11-1; Bowler 2-0-31-0.

DERBYSHIRE: First Innings 315 for 6 dec (M Azharuddin 110, P D Bowler 53; BOWLING: Cowans 12-3-35-1; Taylor 8-1-55-1; Headley 12.2-42-0; Emburey 39-19-82-1; Barnett 46-13-117-3)

Second Innings

T J G O'Gorman c Roseberry b Emburey	38
M Azharuddin c Keech b Emburey	72
D E Malcolm b Emburey	4
S C Goldsmith c Roseberry b Barnett	9
†K M Krikken c Brown b Barnett	27
D G Cork st Farbrace b Barnett	11
S J Base c and b Emburey	0
C H Mortensen not out	7
J E Morris c Roseberry b Barnett	0
Extras (b 5, lb 5, nb 8)	18
Total	288

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-35, 2-110, 3-213, 4-219, 5-236, 6-241, 7-280, 8-281, 9-283.

BOWLING: Cowans 10.4-35-1; Headley 6-1-23-0; Barnett 23.4-2-119-4; Emburey 26-1-96-4.

Umpires: R Palmer and R A White.

Northamptonshire v Warwickshire

NORTHAMPTON *(final day of three): Northamptonshire (5pts) drew with Warwickshire (8)*

WARWICKSHIRE: First Innings 480 for 6 dec (Asif Din 82, P C L Holloway 74, A J Moles 71, N M K Smith 70, D A Reeve 65)

Second Innings

A J Moles not out	57
J D Ratcliffe lbw b Capel	12
D P Ostler b Roberts	65
Asif Din not out	17
Extras (b 5, lb 3)	8
Total (2 wkts dec)	159

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-19, 2-117.

BOWLING: Capel 5-0-21-1; Baptiste 5-0-12-0; Roberts 20-5-44-1; Penberthy 10-3-21-0; Cook 9-3-31-0; Stanley 9-2-16-0; Larkins 6-4-2-0; Fordham 2-0-4-0.

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE: First Innings

A Fordham c Ostler b Donald	66
W Larkins b Benjamin	3
N A Stanley c Holloway b Munton	62
*A J Lamb b Benjamin b N M K Smith	35
D J Capel b Munton	0
A L Penberthy c Moles b Munton	52
K M Curran b Reeve	8
E A E Baptiste lbw b Donald	21
†D Ripley c and b Munton	5
A R Roberts not out	36
M G B Cook c Asif Din	29
Extras (b 14, lb 22, w 1, nb 19)	56
Total	374

Score after 100 overs: 323-9.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-4, 2-121, 3-161, 4-161, 5-216, 6-233, 7-278, 8-278, 9-289.

BOWLING: Donald 28-3-82-2; Benjamin 21.4-4-66-2; Munton 30-7-85-4; N M K Smith 14-3-50-1; Reeve 17-5-55-1.

Second Innings

A Fordham not out	44
W Larkins not out	26
Extras (w 1)	1
Total (1 wkt)	73

BOWLING: Moles 10-1-30-0; Asif Din 9-1-20-0; Ratcliffe 3-1-14-0; N M K Smith 5-3-2-0; Ostler 2-1-7-0.

Umpires: B Leadbeater and G I Burgess.

Notts v Essex

TRENT BRIDGE *(final day of three): Essex (22pts) beat Nottinghamshire (7) by three wickets*

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE: First Innings 294 (P Johnson 124, P R Pollard 58; N A Foster 4 for 56)

Second Innings

B C Broad b Foster	10
P R Pollard c Garnham b Foster	18
*R T Robinson c Garnham b Foster	0
D W Randall c Garnham b Foster	44
P Johnson c Salim b Foster	0
K P Evans c Foster b Childs	22
† P D Stephenson b Stephenson	58
†B N French c Seymour b Stephenson	35
E E Hemmings b Topley	1
R A Pick not out	5
J A Afford c Seymour b Stephenson	3
Extras (b 2, lb 3, w 2, nb 14)	21
Total	215

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-23, 2-24, 3-36, 4-36, 5-73, 6-123, 7-202, 8-205, 9-207.

BOWLING: Foster 22.2-5-56-5; Andrew 13-4-37-0; Topley 19-2-72-1; Childs 8-1-25-1; Stephenson 5.2-0-20-3.

ESSEX: First Innings 219 (T D Topley 50; K P Evans 5 for 66)

Second Innings

J P Stephenson c French b Evans	14
A C Seymour c Stephenson b Evans	19
P J Prichard lbw b Evans	39
Salim Malik b Pick	74
N Hussain st French b Afford	64
*N V Knight c sub b Stephenson	42
†N A Garnham c Johnson b Stephenson	9
*N A Foster not out	15
T D Topley not out	0
Extras (b 4, lb 10, nb 4)	18
Total (7 wkts)	293

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-28, 2-51, 3-122, 4-182, 5-258, 6-273, 7-285.

BOWLING: Stephenson 18.2-0-80-2; Pick 12-2-40-1; Evans 12.2-51-3; Afford 11-1-44-1; Hemmings 13-1-54-0.

Umpires: J H Harris and K E Palmer.

Yorks v Sussex

MIDDLESBROUGH *(final day of three): Sussex (24pts) beat Yorkshire (5) by an innings and 24 runs*

YORKSHIRE: First Innings 241 (S A Kellett 66; A N Jones 5 for 46, A I C Dodemaide 4 for 67)

Second Innings

*M D Moxon c sub b Jones	0
A A Metcalfe c and b Donelan	36
D Byas c Moores b Donelan	46
S A Kellett b Jones	8
P E Robinson lbw b Salisbury	10
†R J Blakey run out

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Sheffield Wednesday take the professional road

Francis stems the tide of emotion to instil calmness

By MARTIN SEARBY

SHEFFIELD Wednesday, who have been working to dilute the tide of anger that followed the defection of Ron Atkinson, their former manager, have taken no extra precautions for Saturday's opening fixture with his new club, Aston Villa.

But the emotionally charged return to first division football has posed a number of problems for Trevor Francis, the man who replaced him.

"For the last four weeks, it has been building up and I have to make it quite clear to the players that we are playing Aston Villa and not Ron Atkinson," Francis said.

"I am aware of the problems that could be caused because the supporters were clearly angry at what happened here. However, it will be an easy day for me because the players are so ready for the game. I have been telling them they must concentrate on what they have been doing in practice and not be put out of their stride by emotion. They are professionals and experienced, too, having survived the atmosphere of Wembley without getting overtaken by the occasion.

Francis will name himself in the squad, not least because in a long and distinguished career he scored more goals against Aston Villa than any other football League club.

"I am aware of that statistic and having given our three strikers, Hirst, Williams and Watson a chance to stake their claims, I shall certainly name myself in the 13.

"Whoever we were playing would be a big game and I remember it was a tremendous occasion when I was a teenager at Birmingham and we went up. We must be careful not to get carried away because there is a very big difference between the second and first divisions and, I suppose, to be realistic, if we finished halfway up the League, that would be satisfactory."

The completely refurbished Leppings Lane end of Hillsborough will be open in time for the game with 6,500 seats, all of which will be allocated to visiting supporters.

Meanwhile, Howard Wilkinson, the Leeds United manager who has spent £4.2 million preparing for the new season somewhat surprisingly conceded that he did not think his team could win the first division championship.

Wilkinson, who signed the Wallace twins from Southampton, Steve Hodge from Nottingham Forest and two support players from Sheffield Wednesday, said: "Those who were here last year must do better and those that have come must be an improvement upon the people they replaced and, obviously, I think that we will be in the top ten clubs in the country. But talk about the championship is unrealistic although, like everything else, it is possible. If your ambition is purely dreams, it becomes a waste of time and you must have targets that are attainable.

"Our immediate objective will be to match Arsenal's rate of winning games. They are the standards everyone must set themselves, and of course you hope to achieve them although it would be a silly burden on ourselves to claim we can be champions.

"We have to be aware that on last season's figures we will have to improve by at least 30 per cent and that is a great deal easier said than done."

Wilkinson hinted that Leeds would use more variable tactics this season, taking a leaf out of Arsenal's book by using three centre backs to augment their attacking full back, Sterland, who has been supported by the purchase of Dorigo for £1.3 million.

☐ Crystal Palace's opening match of the season at home to Leeds is in doubt because redevelopment work at Selhurst Park has not been completed. Palace, now sharing the stadium with first division neighbours, Wimbledon, are busily installing new executive boxes and a police control room

FA to introduce more drug tests

By JOHN GOODBODY

LEAGUE footballers will face unprecedented measures to counter drug abuse when the season begins on Saturday.

Urine samples will be taken from two players from each team at one game almost every week, rather than monthly, as has been commonplace in recent years. Anyone found to have taken a performance-enhancing substance will be charged by the Football Association with bringing the game into disrepute. Players are already subject to mandatory testing in international competitions, such as the World Cup and European tournaments.

The FA's action follows the positive test given last year by Graham Roberts, then with West Bromwich Albion. The FA is planning to meet the Professional Footballers' Association (PFA) to discuss how the new drug-testing programme will work, and at its annual meeting next May will establish a list of punishments for drug abuse.

This season, any players found positive will be given sanctions which are appropriate for the offence. For instance, if a player has accidentally taken a banned drug in an over-the-counter cold cure, then he will face a less severe punishment than if he had deliberately tried to improve his performance. In Roberts's case, his explanation that the banned substance was accidently taken as part of a weight-reducing substance, was accepted.

A spokesman for the FA said: "We do not feel that drug abuse is an issue in football. However, as the governing body of the sport we have a responsibility to see that this remains the case. One way is to have mandatory testing."



No-hit wonder: Wilson Alvarez, right, receives congratulations from his colleagues

Alvarez pulls his Sox up

By ROBERT KIRLEY

TWO years ago, in his first major-league baseball appearance, Wilson Alvarez faced five batters and gave up two home runs. The only people he put out were his employers, the Texas Rangers. They sent him to the minor leagues and traded his contract to the Chicago White Sox. Funny what a change of scenery can do. On Sunday, less than 24 hours removed from a farm club in Alabama, Alvarez pitched a no-hitter as Chicago beat the Baltimore Orioles 7-0.

The left-hander, aged 21, struck out seven batters and walked five in the sixth "no-no" of the season. Frank Thomas got three hits, including his 23rd home run, as the White Sox won their seventh consecutive game.

Gene Autry, the former singing cowboy, is yodelling out the other side of his mouth these days. The owner of the California Angels spent a fortune acquiring Dave Winfield, Dave Parker, Gary Gaetti and Mark Langston, yet for the 31st year the club seems to be heading into the sunset without taking a league championship.

Autry must have a bur under his saddle. In one calamitous month, his pricey hired hands fell from first place to last, 12-and-a-half games behind Minnesota in the American League West. California have lost nine of their last ten games.

On Saturday, Dave Henderson, of the Oakland A's, hit a two-run home run in the sixth inning for the first hit off Langston, and Ron Darling pitched well to beat the Angels 3-1. Darling, who was thought to be a spent force, is undefeated and unscored upon in his two American League starts. He held California to three hits in seven innings. In his first American League start earlier last week, Darling yielded two hits in seven innings to earn his 100th victory in a 3-0 win over the Seattle Mariners.

The Philadelphia Phillies won their twelfth game in a row by beating the Montreal Expos 5-4 on Sunday. The winning streak is the longest in the National League this season. The Expos have lost 18 of their last 22 games, falling to Philadelphia nine successive times. The Atlanta Braves have won 19 and lost ten since the All-Star break five weeks ago, to climb into second place in the National League West.

YACHTING

Smooth passage to Rock has Passage in lead

By BARRY PICKTHALL

THE Fastnet fleet was struggling to make any headway last night after a day of light, fickle breezes had turned the normally rough Celtic Sea into a mill-pond. First to struggle round the famous Fastnet Rock off Ireland was the Italian maxi, Passage, almost an hour and a half ahead of her second-placed American rival, Congere, followed by Britain's Rothmans a further 1hr 40min astern.

Five hours behind Raul Gardini's leading yacht came Corum Saphir, the first of the Admiral's Cup yachts, 10 miles ahead of her nearest rivals.

Observers from the Royal Ocean Racing Club, based on the Rock to count the 230-strong fleet round, reported only light winds and zephyrs on a glassy sea, their only good news being that visibility had improved from 1,000 yards to 18 miles.

On the British front, the good news last night was that Wings of Oracle, some way to the south of the fleet, had pulled up from fifth to first among the Admiral's Cup Two Tonners, reversing her position from 24 hours earlier. The bad news was that her team mates, Juno and Port Pendennis, which had led the 50ft and One Ton levels on Monday, had both slipped back an equal number of places.

Instead, it was the Italians, perhaps revelling in yesterday's Mediterranean conditions, who were faring best. Brava, their One Tonner, led her group, Larouge was second among the Two Tonners and Mandrake Krizia was holding third in the 50ft class. Apart from ABAP/4 (Germany) and Spica (Japan) which have fallen well astern, the One Tonners remained in a tight group to the north of the rhumb line between Land's End and the Fastnet.

Brava, then two miles ahead of Zurich Forikring, from Denmark, but still some 50 miles from the Rock, was enjoying a clear lead but the other yachts, including Port Pendennis were stretched line-abreast with Shardana to the south and the American yacht, Vibes, to the north.

If the winds remained light overnight as expected, many crews aboard the smaller yachts outside the Admiral's Cup fleet will be thinking of rationing food and water today in the expection of a long drawn out race. The smaller Admiral's Cuppers on the other hand, can expect to reach the Rock early this morning, but with 243 miles remaining back to Plymouth, the result of the Champagne Mumm series is not expected to be decided until Wednesday night at the earliest.

LEADING POSITIONS (at 4.30pm yesterday): 50ft class: 1, Corum Saphir (L Gollussosu, Fr), 2, Wild (T Toya, Japan), 3, Mandrake Krizia (J Kokas, It), 4, Cyclone (S Kulmar, Aus) 5, Juno (M McIntyre, GB) Two Ton class: 1, Wings of Oracle (S Childerley, GB); 2, Larouge (L Bortolotti, It), 3, Corum Rubis (P Defrumesu, Fr), 4, Brava (R Towse, US), 5, Bimblegumbie (K Jacobs, Aus). One Ton class: 1, Brava (F de Angelis, It), 2, Zurich Forsikring (J Host, Den) 3, Shardana (G Lucas, Aus), 4, Corum Diament (X Phelipon, Fr), 5, Port Pendennis (A Hurst, GB)

Overall team positions: 1, Italy, 153pts, 2, Britain, 132, 3, France, 129 13, 4, United States, 116 38, 5, Denmark, 105 25, 6, Germany, 90 75, 7, Australia, 74 50 8 Japan, 66 75

CYCLING

Olympic goal for Britons

From PETER BRYAN IN STUTTGART

BRITAIN'S men's and women's amateur teams will be racing for more than world titles when the track championships start here today on the superb Hanns-Martin Schleyer Halle 285-metre wooden bowl.

The world series is regarded as the British amateurs' qualifying test for next year's Olympics, and Britain's riders have been left in no doubt that to gain selection for the Games they must finish in the top half of the results of their disciplines during the next six days' racing.

This week's medal hopes rest principally on Chris Boardman, a rider who appears to flourish when the going is hardest. He is here as Britain's 4,000 metres pursuit champion and the 5,000 metres world record-holder, both successes achieved last month at Leicester. When he won the pursuit title, Boardman reduced the championship record to 4min 39.22sec, an astonishing 12-second improvement on Colin Sturgess's old figures.

The Stuttgart track is rated eight to 10 seconds faster than Leicester, and Boardman will need to improve still further towards a time in the region of 4:32 today if he is to reach the semi-finals.

Such a standard has already been achieved here in the German championships by Andreas Walzer, and the Soviet Union can be expected to produce another surprise entry and continue their domination of pursuiting.

IN BRIEF

Blow to Kelly

SEAN Kelly withdrew from the Tour of Galicia cycling race following the death last Sunday of his brother, Joseph, in an Irish cycling race.

Joseph, aged 39, who often trained with his younger brother, was in collision with a car during a race in the Kellys' hometown of Carrick-on-Suir, Ireland.

TENNIS: Gigi Fernandez beat the No. 1 seed, Julie Halard, of France, 6-0, 6-2, to win the Virginia Slims of Albuquerque. The American's only previous title win was in Singapore five years ago.

☐ Chris Wilkinson, from Southampton, won the Malaysian Satellite Masters in Kuala Lumpur, beating the Indonesian, Benny Wijaya, 6-0, 6-4.

GOLF: Melissa McNamara shot a two-under-par 70 to beat the local player, Patty Sheehan, by two strokes for the $67,500 first prize in the Stratton Mountain tournament in Vermont.

SPORTS POLITICS: North Korea said it was postponing indefinitely talks with South Korea on a joint Olympic team until Seoul repatriated a judo fighter, Lee Chang Soo, who defected in Europe.

SHOOTING: John Carmichael, adjutant of the Great Britain rifle team, put 45 shots into the bull's-eye at 600, 900 and 1,000 yards when the team, on the way to New Mexico, stopped off at Barbados for hot weather experience.

☐ A world record 445 points was set by the United States skeet shooting team at the Pan-American Games in Cuba.

MOTOCROSS: Alessandro Puzar, of Italy, the world 250cc champion, is unsure if he can race in the Japanese grand prix next Sunday after undergoing an operation on a knee

BOWLS

Huntingdon gain little from beating holders

By GORDON ALLAN

NO GAME is less predictable than bowls and the Woolwich EBA fours championship began at Worthing yesterday with the defeat of the holders in the opening round.

Ian Middlemast's side from Bath were beaten 21-12 by St Peter's Municipal, Huntingdon, skipped by David Howells, an EBA triples winner ten years ago with two other members of his rink, George Heathcote and Mick Durber.

That was the limit of Huntingdon's success; in their next match they went down 27-19 to Simon Davies's Welford-on-Avon four.

Martyn Sekjer, who skipped the winning Blackheath and Greenwich four in 1989, lost on the last end in the second round against Ilkeston Rutland. The Kent men led 17-16 when John Carroll, the Ilkeston skip, moved the jack for two shots, and Sekjer failed to change the position.

It was not a good day for England players, present or past, with Sekjer, Middlemast, Cliff Simpson, Roy Cutts and Julian Haines all losing. Keith Renwick, however, made progress, his Tarring Priory team scoring nine shots over the last two ends to beat City of Exeter 23-19.

MOTOR RACING

Driver left in wings is Ferrari loss

From NORMAN HOWELL IN BUDAPEST

IN THE aftermath of Ayrton Senna's emphatic victory at the Hungarian grand prix here on Sunday, much of the interest in the Formula One season now centres around McLaren's fightback and on whether the Williams-Renault team can sustain its challenge for the world championship. That these two teams, and their drivers, hold centre stage largely confirms the forecasts.

But there is one driver who has failed to fulfil the expectations and claims which were being made for him over the off-season winter months: Jean Alesi, the blue-eyed and smiling *wunderkind* of the track in late 1989 and early 1990. The 1991 Alesi is a Ferrari driver, serious, at times brooding, at other times confused. A young man whose joy for driving and zest for life seem to have been lost somewhere in Ferrari's corridors of power and intrigue.

Two weeks ago, at Hockenheim, an hour or so after the confrontation at the German grand prix between Alain Prost, his team mate at Ferrari, and the Italian press, Alesi was to be found in the shade of another team's quarters, hidden from the bustle in the paddock.

"Prost made me sit all through that," Alesi said. "I tried to leave at one stage, but he stopped me. This is not what I came into motor racing for . . . I was so upset that I went to see Eddie Jordan. I raced for him in the lower formulas. I said: 'Eddie, talk to me, remind me of what it's like to race a car, to win, to get that special buzz, to enjoy it.' And then I came here, to be alone, away from all that rubbish."

All of which is a far cry from those warm February days in Estoril, where Ferrari were testing and Alesi was explaining the joy of being one of that elite group of men with a prancing horse on their chests.

So what has gone wrong? Partly the car, which especially at the start of the season, was not competitive. Then came the trauma of the sacking of Cesare Fiorio, the team's manager and the man who had wanted Alesi at Ferrari. After Fiorio, Alesi was isolated at Ferrari, a team totally geared to Prost and his needs. It seems that in Hungary Alesi was fobbed off with a less powerful engine. While previously I have always been sceptical of such claims, I can only now conclude that in Alesi's case something must have happened.

At Silverstone he was having a great race until Aguri Suzuki drove over his nose cone, forcing him to retire. As he was explaining, his hands, it could be seen, were badly blistered, bloody and raw from the kind of all-or-nothing driving that made Ferrari sign him from under the nose of Frank Williams. How sad then that his drive to win is being wasted by Ferrari's inability to sort themselves out.

FOR THE RECORD

ATHLETICS

THESSALONIKI, Greece: European junior championships: Men: 200m: 1, D Campbell (GB), 20.61sec; 7, J Bausch (GB), 21.28. 800m: 1, O Robb (GB), 1min 48.22sec; 8, M Seaton (GB), 1:49.85. 5,000m: M Carroll (Ire), 14:19.86. 4x 100m relay: 1, USSR, 39.79sec; 2, Great Britain, 39.85. 4 x 400m relay: Great Britain, 3min 07.22sec. Pole vault: G Baudouin (Fr), 5.50m. Shot: A Shidlovski (USSR), 18.40. Javelin: A Schapin (USSR), 75.52; 11, J Hunton (GB), 62.30. Women: 800m: 1, A Rauta (Rom), 2min 04.18sec; 5, N Tait (GB), 2:05.68; 7, M Hanies (GB), 2:02.17. 3,000m: G Szabo (Rom), 9:19.28. 4 x 100m relay: 1, Germany, 44.46sec; 2, Great Britain, 44.57. 4 x 400m relay: 1, Germany, 3min 35.24sec; 5, Great Britain, 3:39.38. High jump: 1, M Alpner (Ger), 1.91m; 4, L Haggett (GB), 1.82. Heptathlon: 1, N Siczmiriski (USSR), 5,695pts; 5, D Lewis (GB), 5,476; 8, Y Idowu (GB), 5,412.

BASEBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Philadelphia Phillies 5, Montreal Expos 4; Pittsburgh Pirates 6, St Louis Cardinals 4; Atlanta Braves 3, Houston Astros 1; San Diego Padres 13, Cincinnati Reds 0; San Francisco Giants 4, Los Angeles Dodgers 3, Chicago Cubs 3, New York Mets 2 (14 innings). AMERICAN LEAGUE: Chicago White Sox 7, Baltimore Orioles 0; Boston Red Sox 9, Toronto Blue Jays 6; New York Yankees 12, Detroit Tigers 6, and 10-8 (10 innings); Kansas City Royals 3, Cleveland Indians 2 (13 innings); Oakland A's 3, California Angels 2; Minnesota Twins 5, Seattle Mariners 2; Texas Rangers 5, Milwaukee Brewers 4 (10 innings).

GLIDING

UVALDE, Texas: World championships: Eleventh day: Open (500km 'poly' to NE/SW): Equal 1, H Back (Ger, Nimbus 3) and E Lear (Ger, Nimbus 4), 120.7kph, 1,000pts; 3, G Kunstjens (Neth, Nimbus 3), 119kph, 983. Britain: 5, R May (ASH-25), 118.3kph, 965. 15 metre (Dhr 'Pure'): 1,J Anderson (Den, Ventus), 130.4kph, 852.9km, 1,000pts; equal 2, J Julin (Fin, LS-6S) and S Kiiskisto (Fin, Ventus C), 128, 837.8, 968. Britain: 6, J Wills (LS-6), 125.2, 612.6; 36, C Garton (LS-6C), 108.4, 323.8, 758; 42, M Wells (LS-6C), 98.8, 429.9, 708. Standard (571.4km 'poly' to N and S): 1, M Sedlins (Ger, Discus B), 122.3kph, 1,000pts; 2, J Trzaskos (Pol, SZD-55-1), 115.4, 909; 3, P Fischer (Ger, Discus B), 113.0, 849. Britain: 9, A Davis (Discus), 111.8, 847. 18, D Watt (ASW24), 109.1, 814. Twelfth day: Open (498km 'poly' to NW and S): 1, Beck, 140.8, 1,000pts; 2, Lear, 144.3, 977; 3, R Lynskey (NZ, Nimbus 3), 142.6, 944. British: 17, May, 134.1, 827. Final overall: 1, J Carrika (Pol, ASW-22B), 11,111pts; 2, Beck, 11,101; G Lharm (Fr, Nimbus 4), 10,987. British: 16, May, 10,206. 15 metre (429km quad 'to S), 1, Wills, 1,000pts; 2, G Gerlaud (Fr, LS-6C), 936.6, 968; 3, K Staudach (US, ASW20B), 134.5, 955. British: 19, Wells, 727.7, 855; 29, Garton, 121.4, 762. Final overall: 1, B Edwards (Aus, LS-6B), 11,041; 2, Gerlaud, 11,001; 3, D Jacobs (US, LS-6B), 10,899. British: 8, Wills, 10,605; 15, Garton, 10,289; 19, Wells, 10,211. Standard (425km quad to E and W): 1, Fischer, 128.4kph; 1,000pts; 2, W Moser (US, Discus A), 128.1, 995; 3, Davis, 127.7, 994; 4, Watt, 127.0, 983. Final overall: 1, B Sidun (Pola, Discus), 11,219pts; 2, Trzaskos, 11,040; 3, Moser, 11,034. British: 8, Davis, 10,847; 17, Watt, 10,587.

BOWLS

WORTHING: Woolwich EBA national championships: Fours: First round: Boscombe Clif (Hants) bt Pagbury House (Stevenage), 29-15; Liberty of Havering (Essex) bt Finchley (Middx), 21-12; Loughborough Queens Park bt Chesswater, 44-5; Holt (Wilts) bt Blackbird Leys (Oxon), 29-11; Fitwick (Beds) bt Wellworthy (Dorset), 25-16; St Peter's Municipal (Hunts, skip D Howells) bt Bath, 21-12; Chipping Norton (Oxon) bt Wigton (Cumbria), 18-14; Boscombe Cliff (skip A Gebb) bt Greenbank (Bristol), 29-27; Spencer Melksham (Wilts) bt Purnell Poulton (Glos), 23-15; St Peter's Municipal (skip D Griffin) bt Worcester, 23-11; Soham (Cambs) bt Barnes Pk (Sunderland), 19-14; Hinckley (Leics) bt Weybridge (Surrey), 22-12; North Walsham (Norfolk) bt Elestree (Hertfordshire), 21-14; Hounslow Sports (Middx) bt Cowes Medina (IOW), 22-18; Cambridge and County bt Gt Edge (Kidderminster), 29-11; Blackheath and Greenwich bt Wymondham Dell (Norfolk), 22-17; Seaton (Derbys) bt Tetbury (Gloucestershire), 18-17; City of Exeter bt Cranleigh RBL (Surrey), 21-11; Wokingham (Berks) bt Thrapston (Northants, skip M Matthews), 25-18; St Ives (Cambs) bt Princes Risborough (Bucks), 19-18; Hull Road Park (Yorks) bt Summerhill (Northumberland, skip D Webb), 23-18; Watford-on-Avon (Warwicks) bt Owton Lodge (Durham), 20-19; St Albans Townsend (Herts) bt Camborne (Cornwall), 22-9; Livesay Tenterden (Kent) bt Sittingbourne (Becket), 23-22; Smiths Sports (Warwicks) bt Maurice Lea Park (Derbys), 23-22; Clesthorpes (Lincs) bt Branksome Park (Dorset), 24-15; Bolton bt Penrith Castle Park (Cumbria), 21-14; Tenring Priory (Sussex) bt Marlborough (Ipswich), 17-15; Leighton Buzzard bt Pelton (Chesterford), 19-15; Tiverton (skip T Jarman) bt Barnstaple (Devon), 23-22; Preston (Brighton) bt Horse Brewery (Notts), 20-12; Denham (Bucks) bt Ipswich (Suffolk), 17-15.

CRICKET

MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP: Lincoln: Lincolnshire 229-3 dec (J D Love 80) and 44-0; Durham 155-7 (S A Bradford 5-53). Reading: Berkshire 224-3 dec (G E Loveday 113 not out, M L Simmons 53) and 24-1; Shropshire 200-6 dec (J Wright 58, T Parton 84 not out; P J Lewington 4-61). Jesmond: Northumberland 181 (S Greenwood 53 not out) and 9-0; Cumberland 176-9 dec (K Sharp 85, F Hayes 52). Dawlish: Dorset 155-6 dec (S Calway 58; I Osborne 5-42). Wiltshire 148-9 (S Partin 57).

COLOMBO: International match: Sri Lanka A 291 and 83-4; Pakistan A 227 (A Sobail 100; P Wijesinge 4-29, P Wolvenstelnghe 4-70). Match drawn.

NATIONAL CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP: Semi-finals: Sheffield Collegiate 175-5 (A Bothell 69), Walsall 176-5 (M Gladstone 92 not out). Walsall won by 5 wkts. Teddington 203-6 bt Mackintosh 81, W Donald 59), Barnt Green 84. Teddington won by 119 runs.

TENNIS

CINCINNATI: ATP championship: Final: G Forget (Fr) bt P Sampras (US), 2-6, 7-6, 6-4.

TORONTO: Canadian Women's Open: Final: J Capriati (US) bt K Maleeva (Bul), 6-2, 6-2.

ALBUQUERQUE: Women's tournament: Final: G Fernandez (US) bt J Halard (Fr), 6-0, 6-2.

FOOTBALL

POLISH LEAGUE: Legia Warsaw 0, Slask Wroclaw 2; Zagleble Sosnowiec 1, Olimpia Poznan 3; Zawisza Bydgoszcz 5, Hutnik Krakow 1; Ruch Chorzow 1, LKS Lodz 0; Stal Stalowa Wola 0, Motor Lublin 1; Widzew Lodz 2, GKS Katowice 0; Zagleble Lubin 2, Pogrotour Debica 1; Wisla Krakow 2, Stal Mielec 0. Leading positions (after 3 matches): 1, Widzew Lodz, 5pts; 2, Wisla Krakow, 5; 3, Zawisza Bydgoszcz, 5.

SWISS LEAGUE: FC Aarau 2, Lucerne 0; Lugano 2, Grasshopper Zürich 2; Servette 0, FC Sion 2; FC St Gallen 1, Wettingen 0; Xamax, Neuchatel 3, Young Boys (Berne) 0; FC Zürich 1, Lausanne 1. Leading positions after 3 matches): 1, Lausanne, 5pts; 2, FC Sion, 5; 3, Grasshopper Zürich, 7.

YUGOSLAV LEAGUE: Red Belgrade 3, Sarajevo 0; Borac Banja Luka 0, Pallster Sisoj 0 (Borac won 5-4 on pens); Pelister Zrenjanin 0, Spartak Subotica 0; OFK Belgrade 5, Velez Mostar 1; Zeman 3, Zeljeznicar Sarajevo 1; Radnicki Nis 4, Sloboda Tuzla 1; Vojvodina Novi Sad 2, Buducnost Titograd 1; Vardar Skopje 1, Red Star Belgrade 0.

AUSTRIAN LEAGUE: Vorwarts Steyr 3, Sturm Graz 1; Rapid Wien 4, VSE St Polten 1; Admira Wacker 0, FC Stahl Linz 0; Kremser SC 3, DSV Alpine 1; Wiener SK 1, Austria Wien 2; Austria Salzburg 2, FC Swarowski Tirol 1.

OLYMPIC QUALIFYING MATCH: Morocco 6, Mauretania 0 (in Casablanca).

SPEEDWAY

SUNBRITE LEAGUE: Second division: Newcastle 42, Edinburgh 46.

GOLF

MONTROSE: British boys' championship: First round: D Chopra (India) bt R Aeblin (Bishop Auckland), 5 and 4; G O'Flaherty (Cork) bt M Howell (Burnham Beeches), 1 hole; C Hanell (Swe) bt C Jackson (Seaton Carew), 3 and 1; R Thornton (Cardross) bt J Cousins (Worsley), 3 and 2; S Drummond (Shirral) bt G Sproule (County Sligo), 3 and 2; A Combe (Worplesdon) bt J Greenwood (Heaton Park), 1 hole; M Foster (Worksop) bt C Gibbs (Stratford-on-Avon), 6 and 5; N Kalougasine (Fr) bt P Kenyon (Hillside), 1 hole; J Logue (Ettrell) bt P Langford (Sherwood Forest), 3 and 2; L James (Broadstone) bt C Watson (Williamwood), 3 and 2; N Archibald (Kingsknowe) bt D Topping (Varuam), 7 and 5; M Butler (Dudley) bt R Hanbury (West Essex), 5 and 4; C Mckillery (Royal Portrush) bt E Little (Porpoadick), 2 and 1; J Fores (Worksop) bt J Lonstaff (Bishop Auckland), 3 and 1; M Beveridge (Tullallan) bt J Wood (Brookmans Park), 5 and 3; L Bernardini (It) bt L Booth (Brokenhurst Manor), at 20th; P Derry (Tavvest) bt P Coppola (North Middlesex), 2 holes; G Hutcheon (Banchory) bt J Hempleman (Broome Manor), at 19th; A Farmer (Ranfurly Castle) bt F Guerriani (It), 3 and 1, M Urquhart (Inverness) bt A MacDonald (Heyston), 1 hole; R Coughlan (Birr) bt P Dwyer (Catheran), 3 and 2; D Bartlett (Erewash Valley) bt L Jackson (Frilford Heath), 5 and 3; P Eesto (Sundridge Park) bt D Cooper (Drumpellier), 1 hole; D Downie (Ladykirk) bt M Hurd (Crail), 3 and 2; G Couzens (Eaglescliffe) bt J Coombs (Whitchurch), 5 and 4; G Harris (Broome Manor) bt A Johnson (Heysham), 2 and 1; P Gall (Heswall) bt C Hislop (Powfoot), at 19th; N Birnie (Forres) bt D Lungamsawan (Sco), 2 and 1; D Bynon (Delamere Forest) bt R Wilson (John O'Gaunt), 5 and 4; I Fulton (Glenbervie) bt H Thomas (Pontardawe), 4 and 3; S Taylor (Dean Wood) bt M Bradley (Blackpool North Shore), 3 and 2; N Hammonds (Burnham Beeches) w/o C Gough (Carrlon), scr.

BALLYSUNIOX: Irish amateur championships: Second round: G McNeill (Warrenpoint) bt J Farrell (Carlow), 5 and 4, M Collins (Mallow) bt T Hickey (Charleville), 4 and 3; A Morrow (Portmarnock) bt K Lacey (Killarney), 4 and 2; F Gannon (Skerries) bt J Finegan (Milltown), 4 and 3.

VOLVO EUROPEAN ORDER OF MERIT (GB and Ire unless stated): 1, S Ballesteros (Sp), £307,734.63; 2, C Montgomerie, £275,015.70; 3, I Woosnam, £246,851.75; 4, C Parry (Aus), £244,507.22; 5, S Richardson, £240,045.02; 6, B Langer (Ger), £186,528.93; 7, D Feherty, £184,378.78; 8, E Romero (Arg), £179,379.45; 9, E Darcy, £178,398.80; 10, JM Olazabal (Sp), £174,583.37; 11, V Singh (Fij), £160,757.18; 12, S Torrance, £159,886.95; 13, PJ Johansson (Swe), £133,182.30; 14, P Broadhurst, £123,008.97; 15, A Forsbrand (Swe), £121,230.86; 16, N Faldo, £118,885.78; 17, M McLean, £112,076.95; 18, A Johnstone (Zim), £111,775.86; 19, J Rivero (Sp), £105,081.28; 20, M Martin (Sp), £103,609.52.

US RYDER CUP TABLE: Final leading positions: 1, F Couples, 721pts; 2, P Stewart, 548; 3, L Wadkins, 535; 4, H Irwin, 517; 5, P Azinger, 501; 6, C Pavin, 493.7, M O'Meara, 493; equal 8, M Calcavecchia and W Levi, 407; 10, S Pate, 405; 11, T Simpson, 382; 12, T Kite, 357, 13, C Beck, 339; 14, G Morgan, 313.75; 15, S Hoch, 313.05; 16, J Gallagher Jr, 300; 17, B Lietzke, 297; 18, D Love III, 291; 19, M Brooks, 290; 20, R Teaty, 287.

STRATTON MOUNTAIN, Vermont: Women's tournament: Leading final scores (US unless stated): 278: M McNamara, 75, 67, 67, 70. 280: P Sheehan, 71, 67, 70, 72. 282: D Richard, 68, 70, 72, 72; P Bradley, 69, 72, 70, 71; E Cosby, 71, 71, 72, 68. 284: C Figg-Currier, 71, 72, 71, 70. 285: R Jones, 68, 72, 72, 73. 286: S Little, 73, 75, 69, 69. 288: D Cox (Can), 78, 72, 70, 70; L Baugh, 68, 76, 72, 72. British scores: 292: K Davies, 75, 72, 74, 71. 295: P Wright, 74, 69, 75, 78.

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DUTCHEY WATER: National 18ft championships: First race: 1, Malacado (T Crosbie, RCYC); 2, Minerva (E Cogan, RCYC); 3, Trojan (J Langdon-Down, Tamoske Club).

TORBAY: Optimist national championships: Second race: 1, O Ashton (Wor Wood); 2, N Rogers (Royal Lymington); 3, J-W Herwijne (Neth). Junior: L Martin (Dabchicks).

SNOOKER

STOKE: Strachen Open: First round: P Ebdon (Eng) bt S Cott (Eng), 5-0; J Woodman (Eng) bt F Davis (Eng), 5-0; M Gibson (Scot) bt S Storey (Eng), 5-3; C Morton (Eng) bt I Williamson (Eng), 5-2; D Grimwood (Eng) bt J Donnelly (Scot), 5-3; D McDonnell (Eng) bt D Heaton (Eng), 5-2; B Sraddon (Scot) bt M Dennigon (Eng), 5-3; S Lemmens (Bel) bt D Martin (Eng), 5-4. Second round: D Fineaux (Eng) bt C Cookson (Eng), 5-0; J Grech (Malta) bt M Parker (Eng), 5-1; D Harry (Scot) bt M Gauvreau (Can), 5-1; E Sinclair (Scot) bt D Millon (Eng), 5-2; J Whittaker (Eng) bt L Robinson (Eng), 5-1; A Hicks (Eng) bt J Wright (Eng), 5-4; T Wilson (Eng) bt T Whitthread (Eng), 5-4; B Pinches (Eng) bt D Clarke (Eng), 5-2. Ebdon bt B Oliver (Eng), 5-0, Morton bt J Spencer (Eng), w/o, Sraddon bt D Gilbert (Eng), 5-2; Woodman bt N Terry (Eng), 5-3; P Browne (Ire) bt Lemmens, 5-1;

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THE TIMES
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Resolute Stewart secures a memorable and unlikely victory for England to square the series against West Indies

Botham applies the final touch to Gooch's glory

By ALAN LEE, CRICKET CORRESPONDENT

THE OVAL (final day of five): England beat West Indies by five wickets

ONE of the great games in Test cricket history climaxed in a rare and precious sporting day. It was an occasion at which, for many years to come, people will be proud to say they were present and, wondrously, 13,000 were, most of them cascading exultantly onto the Oval as England achieved the improbable, last-ditch equaliser to square the series against the world champions.

True to the popularly preordained script, Ian Botham was required to stride out and hit the winning run shortly before tea on this final day of a rivetting Cornhill series. It took him only the one ball, of course, and then the great all-rounder, triumphantly restored to the England side in its week of glory, threw his arms skywards and sought in vain a souvenir stump before being engulfed by the onrushing crowd.

Botham's magnetic presence was one reason why this was a memorable match. The poignant and dignified farewell of Vivian Richards was another. But even these thoroughbred celebrities were absorbed by the overwhelming drama which began with the grim ordeal of England's leading batsmen, and was sustained by Tufnell's dream-like spell of spin bowling, the West Indian rally inspiringly led by Richardson and then England's fraught journey towards a target of 143.

They were guided there, not by Gooch or Smith, the outstanding English players of the summer, but by Alec Stewart, who I for one had believed to be here under false pretences. The selectors, however, are to be congratulated. They chose Stewart as an extra batsman who could keep wicket adequately. He did both jobs commendably well and yesterday, arriving in a crisis at 80 for four, he survived an alarming start to settle the match with positive strokeplay.

Stewart was also batting when England completed victory in Jamaica 18 months ago. Until now, that win was unquestionably the most fulfilling of Gooch's international life, but after yesterday he may be obliged to revise the ratings. Typically, however, he played down such talk. "Well, yeah, I really enjoyed it," he said with one of those half-smiles. "It was really good." For Gooch, this was the equivalent of a gushing citation.

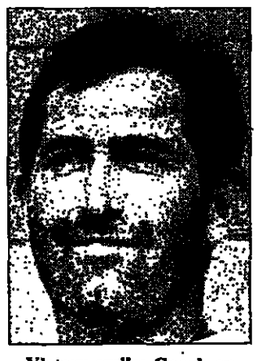
His contribution to England's resilient performance this summer cannot be overstated. Quite simply, his players look up to him as they have not done to any leader since Brearley. Tactically, he has his critics, but his powers of motivation are obvious. He makes players feel important and he makes them believe that all things are possible, even victory over West Indies on the most unpromising pitch of the series.

He did not call the ritualistic huddle when England took the field yesterday. Instead, there was a variation on the theme. Gooch, having led the way down the pavilion steps, then stood at the gate and clapped each man encouragingly on the back as he passed. Only Botham was neglected; Gooch doubtless knew he would hit the winning runs anyway.

The crowd was 6,000 and growing when play began. All morning, underground trains and taxis decanted truant office-workers outside the Hobbs Gates, and by lunch-time the Oval was virtually full, a sight no English ground has witnessed on the final day of a Test match for upwards of 30 years. The memory of 1953, when Len Hutton's side won back The Ashes here, was invoked, but if the atmosphere even on that day was any more electric than this, I shall be surprised.



Bounced out: Morris's desperate evasive action cannot prevent him touching a delivery from Patterson to Dujon at the Oval yesterday



Victory smile: Gooch enjoys moment of triumph

England's urgent need was to divide the overnight pairing of Richardson and Marshall. Their wish was instantly granted. Marshall survived an appeal for leg-before from DeFreitas's first ball of the day; the second knocked out his middle stump as he played down the wrong line. Two balls later DeFreitas darted one back into the left-handed Ambrose, and half the nation seemed to join in the imploring appeal for leg-before. Mervyn Kitchen raised his finger. The lead was still 113 and only the rabbits remained with Richardson.

Walsh hung around for 11 overs, mixing eccentric shots with eccentric idiosyncracies. Lawrence, his new-ball partner for Gloucestershire, was summoned to dispatch him and did so exuberantly. Richardson was now committed to attack but, as he launched a lavish on-drive against Lawrence, the ball flew off a thick inside edge and Gooch casually plucked it from the air at square-leg.

There were no premature celebrations from Gooch. Such excesses are not in his nature. He plodded off with the sort of grim expression others might reserve for the threat of an innings defeat. If anyone else believed 143 to be a formality, he certainly did not.

Patterson's opening over proved him right. Exploding from just short of a length, he took Morris on the glove and Dujon had to leap to take the catch above his head.

For half an hour, Atherton batted with the assurance his game has lacked through this series. Encouraged by Gooch into running aggressive singles, he also played one sumptuous cover drive against Patterson. Gooch, meanwhile, square cut Ambrose for four and stamped his trademark shot, dismissed through square leg, on a stray ball from Patterson.

It was all going too smoothly. In the last over before lunch, Atherton pushed forward to Patterson, the ball left him off the pitch, and Hooper took a straightforward catch at second slip. A timely boost for West Indies was a twist of the knife in Atherton's vulnerable back. He departed in clear distress, his season probably over. It says everything about his year that his intended spinal surgery means he will miss the Sri Lanka Test, where runs might be slightly cheaper than during a series which has brought him only 79 in nine innings.

Gooch and Smith were rightly intent on avoiding the trap of overt caution. The bad balls were given forthright treatment, so much so that 35 runs came from four overs after lunch. They made a striking contrast, the one still and impassive, the other a confusion of nervous fidgetting. Their strokeplay, though, could not be separated.

Marshall divided them, taking yet another important wicket, albeit with a dubious leg-before decision against Gooch. An over later Smith, pulling at Walsh, was early on the shot, but nobody other than the beanpole Ambrose could have taken the catch at mid-on. Suddenly, England had two men on nought and West Indies scented escape.

Ramprakash was once more immovable. He saw an hour in the middle, for the ninth time out of nine, and finally passed 200 runs in the series after almost 17 hours of graft. It was a shame that he gave his wicket away, to Lambert of all people, with the scores level and the crowd poised on the boundary like sprinters in their blocks. But, with Botham's tumultuous reception, it gave this magnificent match one last moment to savour.

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Foster entry

Frankie Foster, from Newcastle, the super-featherweight boxer, was yesterday added to the international bill in Sicily tomorrow night when he will meet Gianni di Napoli, of Italy. In the main event, the northern area lightweight champion, Paul Charters, challenges for the European championship against the holder, Antonio Renzo, of Italy.

Priestley catch

Mark Priestley, the Carlisle United goalkeeper, has joined Scarborough on a month's loan with a view to a permanent move.

OVAL FACTS

☐ England were able to enforce the follow-on against West Indies for the first time since Old Trafford in 1969, when England won by 10 wickets. It was the tenth time that West Indies had followed on against England and on only three occasions had they forced a draw — at Kingston and Port of Spain in 1967-8 and at Trent Bridge in 1957. England won at the Oval in 1957 (by an innings and 237 runs), at Georgetown in 1953-4 (by nine wickets), at the Oval in 1933 (an innings and 17 runs) and at Lord's in 1933 (an innings and 27 runs) and 1928 (an innings and 58 runs).

☐ Desmond Haynes carried his bat for the second time in Tests when he made 75 not out in West Indies' first innings. He performed the same feat at Karachi in 1986-7, when he made 88 not out of 211 against Pakistan.

☐ *Phillip Tufnell's six for 25 in the first innings are the best figures by an England spin bowler against West Indies since Tony Greig's eight for 86 at Port of Spain in 1973-4 (13 for 156 in the match).*

☐ Before yesterday, West Indies had not lost two Tests in a series for 30 series, the last time coming on the 1975-6 tour of Australia, when they lost 5-1. For Vivian Richards, leading his country for the 50th time, it was only his eighth Test defeat as captain.

☐ England's first innings of 419 was their first of over 400 against West Indies since the final Test of 1976, 32 matches ago. Their totals during this period have been:
1975-6: Oval: 435 and 203.
1980: Trent Bridge: 263, 252. Lord's: 269, 133-2. Old Trafford: 150, 391-7. Oval: 370, 209-9 dec. Headingley: 143, 227-6 dec.
1980-1: Port-of-Spain: 178, 169. Bridgetown: 122, 224. Antigua: 271, 234-3. Kingston: 285, 302-6 dec.
1984: Edgbaston: 191, 235. Lord's: 286, 300-9 dec. Headingley: 270, 159. Old Trafford: 280, 156. Oval: 162, 202.
1985-6: Kingston: 159, 152. Port-of-Spain: 178, 315. Bridgetown: 189, 199. Port-of-Spain: 200, 150. Antigua: 310, 170.
1988: Trent Bridge: 245, 301-3. Lord's: 165, 307. Old Trafford: 135, 93. Headingley: 201, 138. Oval: 205, 202.
1989-90: Kingston: 364, 41-1. Port-of-Spain: 288, 120-5. Bridgetown: 358, 191. Antigua: 260, 154.
1991: Headingley: 189, 252. Lord's: 354. Trent Bridge: 300, 211. Edgbaston: 188, 255. Oval: 419, 146-4.

A redeeming strength ends the joke at last

SIMON BARNES

THE joke has been buried at last. It fell ill in Jamaica last year; it was shot at Headingley in June; and at the Oval yesterday, England danced on its grave. Now English cricket looks irredeemably serious: and even in his finest hour, Graham Gooch had no easy smiles for anyone. He is a very serious man. That is his strength.

Before he came to the captaincy, English cricket had tumbled to a state of black farce. This was so much the case that Frances Edmonds wrote a book full of jokes about England's 5-0 defeat in the West Indies in 1986. It caught the national mood to perfection: people handed over lolly in their droves to celebrate the cosmic — always one of Frances's favourite words — risibility of English cricket. She wrote of Paul Allot: "A Botham clone, but slimmer and brighter. Who isn't?" English cricket was a socking good joke: it was a sight better than weeping about it after all.

To talk about English cricket was to talk about defeatism. One of the chapters in Bob Taylor's ghosted autobiography was *Losing all over the world*. I remember the 1986 tour, which fell apart before my eyes in Trinidad: riven by cliques and defeatism, ego and siege mentality, above all, by leaderlessness.

Some one remarked of the then captain: "David Gower's great tragedy was that he was not killed in the first week of World War One." He then added cruelly: "Still, I don't suppose it would have happened when he was leading his men over the top."

Alas, poor David. But even David's debacle was upstaged by the summer of the five captains; three years ago, when England were led in the field by five different men. People often say: "The selectors must have taken leave of their senses." That summer, there was no hyperbole involved in such a statement. This was a a rout, and it was led from the front.

Every time England played the West Indies, the match seemed to take place on two different pitches. The West Indian batsmen strutted their stuff on a pitch that drew all the teeth from the attack. Every track was a feather bed. But then the West Indian bowlers came on and a miracle took place. All at once, the pitch becamea snake-pit. Every delivery was unplayable.

In every match the West Indies crashed forwards in a rolling, rippling, rumbling tidal wave of destruction that carried England's hapless batsmen away like flotsam. English cricket got stuck in a groove of defeatism: losing successive series 5-0, 5-0 and 4-0.

And now this. For a cricketer, let alone for a captain, to reach the pinnacle of his achievment against the West Indies is quite remarkable. But Gooch has managed it. He took England to a 1-0 lead in the West Indies two winters ago; England lost the series 2-1, but only after Gooch had broken his hand and was forced to miss the last two games.

Now he has managed a 2-2 draw in this home series. But even such splendid statistics do not tell the story properly. For in neither of the defeats were England swept away by the tidal wave. No defeat was without honour, without fight. No defeat had a even a tinge of defeatism. Neither side ever had it easy at any time in any of the five Test matches played this summer. That — perhaps even more than the victories — is Gooch's real achievement.

"I always like to be in the game. I don't like being rolled over."

Gooch has managed to obtain a perfect kind of balance for a sporting captain. He can combine a ruthless sense of practicality and realism with the kind of lunatic optimism that says that any match can be won, that no cause is ever quite lost until the end.

"I was just delighted that when we were 2-1 down we could fight back and play tremendous cricket," he said. "The belief never deserted me, the belief that the players could play, and compete with any one in the world."

The tour has been a personal triumph for him: a triumph of batsmanship, and of leadership. He is not one for hand-clapping and histrionics, but all the same, Gooch has never needed to wear an "I'm in charge" teeshirt.

Perhas it is a measure of his current stature in the game that he was able to bring back Ian Botham as a bits-and-pieces player. Botham has been associated with so many English disasters and cliques and bits of nonsense: but in this match we had Botham the Good Team Man, Botham, for all his miracles, has never quite done it against West Indies. Unlike his captain.

FULL SCOREBOARD FROM THE OVAL

England won toss

ENGLAND

First Innings

		6s	4s	Min	Balls
*G A Gooch lbw b Ambrose *Playing back as ball cut in*	60	—	4	208	132
H Morris c Lambert b Ambrose *Reflex shot lobbed ball to short leg*	44	—	4	199	130
M A Atherton c Hooper b Walsh *Gloved rising ball to second slip*	0	—	—	4	4
R A Smith lbw b Marshall *Beaten by pace and skid*	109	—	13	353	256
M R Ramprakash c Lambert b Hooper *Inside edge looped to short leg*	25	—	3	104	78
†A J Stewart c Richardson b Patterson *Tumbling catch from drive to cover*	31	—	1	123	106
I T Botham hit wicket b Ambrose *Pad flap hit leg bail after hook shot*	31	—	3	131	82
C C Lewis not out	47	—	4	112	90
P A J DeFreitas c Dujon b Walsh *Defensive edge to keeper*	7	—	—	40	29
D V Lawrence c Richards b Walsh *Edge to first slip*	9	—	1	34	34
P C R Tufnell c Haynes b Patterson *Slice to gully*	2	—	—	12	5
Extras (b 8, lb 10, w 1, nb 35)	54				
Total (151.1 overs, 685min)	419				

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-112 (Gooch 53 not out); 2-114 (Gooch 54); 3-120 (Smith 0); 4-186 (Smith 36); 5-263 (Smith 69); 6-336 (Botham 20); 7-351 (Lewis 4); 8-386 (Lewis 31); 9-411 (Lewis 42).

BOWLING: Ambrose 36-8-83-3 (w 1) (8-2-20-0, 11-4-15-2, 5-0-13-0, 6-0-23-0, 6-2-12-1); Patterson 25.1-3-87-2 (nb 12) (6-2-18-0, 6-1-19-0, 4-0-24-0, 2-0-8-0, 7-0-20-1, 0.1-0-0-1); Walsh 32-5-91-3 (nb 11) (7-0-18-0, 6-2-12-1, 7-1-21-0, 5-0-23-0, 7-2-17-2); Marshall 24-5-82-1 (nb 15) (8-1-18-0, 6-1-13-0, 12-3-31-1); Hooper 34-1-78-1 (nb 1) (16-0-23-1, 18-1-55-0).

INTERMEDIATE SCORES: First day: 50 (69min, 15.1 overs). Lunch 82-0 (Gooch 44, Morris 24) in 27 overs. 100 (156min, 34.4 overs). Tea 129-3 (Smith 3, Ramprakash 5) in 50 overs. 150 (265min, 54.4 overs). 200 (348min, 76.1 overs). Close: 231-4 (Smith 54, Stewart 19) in 90 overs. Second day: New ball taken at start of play. 250 (427min, 95.3 overs). 300 (506min, 110.5 overs). Lunch at 310-5 (Smith 92, Botham 15) in 114 overs. 350 (572min, 126.4 overs). 400 (636min, 144 overs). Tea at 400-8 (Lewis 35, Lawrence 9) in 145 overs. Innings closed at 4.25.
Smith: 50 (171min, 107 balls, 6 fours); 100 (342min, 238 balls, 12 fours).

Second Innings

		6s	4s	Min	Balls
*G A Gooch lbw b Marshall *Beaten off pitch*	29	—	3	76	48
H Morris c Dujon b Patterson *Kicking delivery edged to keeper*	2	—	—	8	5
M A Atherton c Hooper b Patterson *Edged rising ball to second slip*	13	—	1	32	17
R A Smith c Patterson b Walsh *Pull taken overhead at mid-on*	26	—	5	40	32
M R Ramprakash lbw b Lambert *Hitting across straight ball*	18	—	2	87	59
†A J Stewart not out	38	—	5	84	50
I T Botham not out	4	—	1	1	1
Extras (b 4, w 1, nb 10)	15				
Total (5 wkts, 31.4 overs, 168min)	148				

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-3 (Gooch 0 not out); 2-40 (Gooch 23); 3-80 (Smith 26); 4-80 (Ramprakash 0); 5-142 (Stewart 38).

BOWLING: Ambrose 8-0-48-0 (nb 5, w 1) (6-0-34-0, 2-0-14-0); Patterson 9-0-63-2 (nb 9) (6-0-37-2, 3-0-26-0); Marshall 5-3-9-1 (nb 1); Walsh 9-3-18-1 (nb 2); Lambert 0.4-0-4-1.

INTERMEDIATE SCORES: Lunch at 40-2 (Gooch 23) in 7.3 overs. 50 (51min, 9.3 overs). 100 (116min, 22.2 overs). Innings closed at 3.46.

MAN OF THE MATCH: R A Smith (adjudicator R Illingworth). England player of the series: G A Gooch (adjudicator M J Stewart). West Indies player of the series: C E L Ambrose (adjudicator L R Gibbs).

UMPIRES: J W Holder and M J Kitchen.

PREVIOUS MATCHES: Headingley (June 6 to 10): England won by 115 runs. Lord's (June 20 to 24): Match drawn. Trent Bridge (July 4 to 9): West Indies won by nine wickets. Edgbaston (June 25 to 29): West Indies won by seven wickets.

WEST INDIES

First Innings

		6s	4s	Min	Balls
P V Simmons lbw b Lawrence *Playing back as ball cut in*	75	—	8	286	198
D L Haynes not out	20	1	2	72	47
R B Richardson c Stewart b Botham *Chasing wide ball*	3	—	—	4	4
C L Hooper c Stewart b DeFreitas *Flashed at rising ball*	3	—	—	4	4
C B Lambert c Ramprakash b Tufnell *Miscued drive to cover*	39	1	—	77	49
†P J L Dujon lbw b Lawrence *Beaten by breakback*	0	—	—	6	1
M D Marshall c Botham b Tufnell *Cut to first slip*	0	—	—	12	6
*I V A Richards c Stewart b Tufnell *Charging down pitch*	2	—	—	17	7
C E L Ambrose c Botham b Tufnell *Swinging at wide ball*	0	—	—	2	2
C A Walsh c Gooch b Tufnell *Wild pulled drive to mid-on*	0	—	—	2	2
B P Patterson c Botham b Tufnell *Slash to diving slip*	2	—	—		7
Extras (b 9, nb 11)	20				
Total (57.3 overs, 288min)	176				

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-52 (Haynes 31 not out); 2-95 (Haynes 51); 3-98 (Haynes 51); 4-158 (Haynes 67); 5-160 (Haynes 69); 6-161 (Haynes 70); 7-172 (Haynes 74); 8-172 (Haynes 74); 9-172 (Haynes 74).

BOWLING: DeFreitas 13-6-38-1 (6-3-23-0, 7-3-15-1); Lawrence 16-1-67-2 (nb 14) (4-0-17-0, 5-0-25-1, 7-1-25-1); Tufnell 14.3-3-25-6 (9-1-21-0, 5.3-2-4-6); Botham 11-4-27-1; Lewis 3-1-10-0.

INTERMEDIATE SCORES: Second day: 50 (65min, 12.4 overs). Close at 90-1 (Haynes 46, Richardson 20) in 26 overs. Third day: 100 (155min, 31.1 overs). 150 (220min, 46.1 overs). Lunch at 161-6 (Haynes 70, Richards 0) in 52 overs. Innings closed at 2.14.

Second Innings

		6s	4s	Min	Balls
P V Simmons c Lewis b Botham *Sliced drive wide of gully*	36	1	6	89	83
D L Haynes lbw b Lawrence *Beaten off pitch*	43	—	3	171	114
C B Lambert lbw b Botham *Missed pull shot*	14	—	2	22	25
R B Richardson c Gooch b Lawrence *Miscued drive to mid-wicket*	121	1	11	458	312
C L Hooper c Gooch b Tufnell *Driving to short extra cover*	54	3	4	94	88
*I V A Richards c Morris b Lawrence *Mishit to mid-on*	60	—	9	164	105
†P J L Dujon c Stewart b Lawrence *Edged rising ball to wicketkeeper*	5	—	1	14	14
M D Marshall b DeFreitas *Beaten off pitch*	17	—	2	55	28
C E L Ambrose lbw b DeFreitas *Beaten for pace*	0	—	—	1	2
C A Walsh lbw b Lawrence *Defending on back foot*	14	—	2	47	29
B P Patterson not out	1	—	—	13	7
Extras (b 7, lb 5, w 2, nb 6)	20				
Total (132.5 overs, 573min)	385				

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-53 (Haynes 16 not out); 2-71 (Haynes 20); 3-125 (Richardson 25); 4-208 (Richardson 49); 5-305 (Richardson 83); 6-311 (Richardson 84); 7-356 (Richardson 109); 8-356 (Richardson 109); 9-378 (Richardson 115).

BOWLING: DeFreitas 20-8-42-2 (w 1) (4-3-2-0, 2-1-2-0, 7-2-23-0, 7-3-15-2); Lawrence 25.5-4-106-5 (nb 9) (3-1-17-0, 6-1-14-1, 7-1-26-0, 7-0-40-2, 2.5-1-9-2); Lewis 25-12-35-0 (w 1) (5-2-7-0, 3-1-10-0, 15-9-16-0, 2-0-2-0); Tufnell 48-8-150-1 (nb 1) (17-2-52-0, 2-1-4-0, 2-0-9-0, 14-0-84-1, 11-3-21-0); Botham 16-4-40-2 (10-3-23-2, 3-0-12-0, 3-1-5-0).

INTERMEDIATE SCORES: Third day: Tea at 48-0 (Simmons 35, Haynes 12) in 18 overs. 50 (92min, 20.5 overs). 100 (147min, 38.3 overs). 150 (226min, 55.3 overs). Close at 152-3 (Richardson 39, Hooper 11) in 56 overs. Fourth day: 200 (280min, 83.3 overs). Lunch at 249-4 (Richardson 65, Richards 25) in 85 overs. 250 (349min, 85.3 overs). New ball at 289-4 after 94.3 overs. 300 (429min, 102 overs). Tea at 332-6 (Richardson 100, Marshall 5) in 110 overs. 350 (485min, 113.5 overs). Bad light stopped play from 4.29-4.48 on 355-6 (Richardson 107, Marshall 17) off 117 overs, and again at 4.55pm. Close at 356-6 (Richardson 108, Marshall 17) in 119 overs. Fifth day: Innings closed at 12.08.
Richardson. 50: 155min, 88 balls, 6 fours. 100: 347min, 224 balls, 10 fours, 1 sbc.

Dexter's tribute to Gooch

By ALAN LEE

GRAHAM Gooch was named as England's player of the series last night and then received a tribute from his boss, the England committee's chairman, Ted Dexter.

"Graham is a very special guy," Dexter said. "It has been a case of 'cometh the hour, cometh the man'. I do not know anyone who would have taken the tough times in Australia harder than he did. He was personally very upset. But he has demonstrated this summer all the qualities that a captain can bring to a team."

Gooch has not yet been appointed to captain the Test match against Sri Lanka, which starts at Lord's next Thursday. This, however, is a formality which Dexter will address later this week.

Reflecting on the way England have rallied in such spirited style this summer, following a winter of near shambles in Australia, Micky Stewart, the team manager, backdated the improvement to the West Indies tour of early 1990. "We had a hiccup in Australia," he admitted, adding ruefully, "I suppose you could call it bad indigestion, actually."

Gooch explained: "We have got a good team spirit. We never go onto the field thinking we are going to lose. We have got our act together now and I feel we are capable of competing with any side in the world."

Despite the disappointment of defeat in his final Test, Viv Richards remained in good spirits. "Whatever the result here, cricket has been the great winner. The series has been played in a wonderful spirit and we have laid to rest some bad vibes," he said.

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